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"These Housemen: he'll play for Sydney Hakoah against Heidelberg on Sunday"



Heidelberg first for Rene Houseman

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Rene Houseman of Argentina arrives in Australia this morning (Wednesday) and will make his debut for Sydney City Hakoah against Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Houseman will be accompanied by his younger brother, Marcelo, a striker who may have to sit out the first game because coach Eddie Thomson now has an abundance of riches.

While the Housemans will add sparkle to the Philips League and inspire the as yet untapped Latin audience, they also make Sydney Hakoah firm favorite for the 1981 championship.

Hakoah demonstrated in beating Sydney Olympic 5-1 last Sunday how deadly they can be in front of goal. With the Housemans snooping around the penalty area along with John Kosmina, Murray Barnes and Ken Boden, Hakoah should boost its scoring rate even further.

Boden, however, is in doubt for Sunday's game against improving Heidelberg, which inflicted on Brisbane City its first home defeat last weekend.

Boden has achilles tendon damage and missed the goal spree against Olympic.

The arrival of the Houseman brothers is ominous for South Melbourne Hellas, which has dropped to second place after heading the ladder for most of the season.

Hellas ended a lean period by beating Blacktown 2-1 last Sunday, but faces a difficult match against Newcastle at the International Sports Centre this week.

Life is tough at the top, as Hellas has discovered against defences steeled by the challenge of thwarting the leaders. Hellas now hopes that the same will happen to Hakoah.

It would be ironical indeed if Hakoah's threat to Hellas is eased on Sunday by Hellas's arch-rival, Heidelberg. Heidelberg's young full back John Mihailidis, who has taken over from injured Jim Tansey, probably will have a few sleepless nights as he prepares for the possibility of having to match his wits with those of Rene Houseman on Sunday.

Brian Glanville, in his "The History of the World Cup," pays tribute to Houseman's greatness as he recalls Argentina's 2-3 loss to Poland during the 1974 World Cup finals.

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Dennis Boland

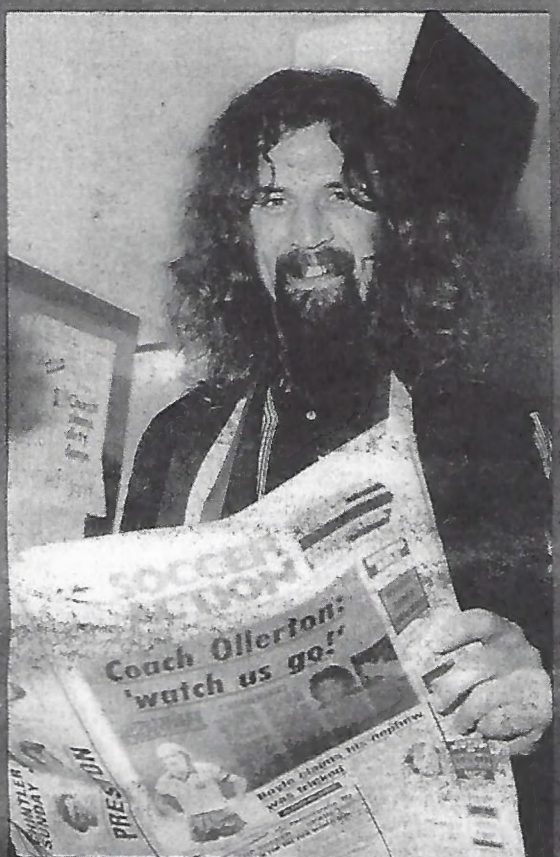
Stability's the thing

What does the press and public want from the Victorian state team?

That's the question asked by State coach Len McKendry in answer to mounting criticism of his selection for the July 31 game against Brazilian outfit Cruzeiro. McKendry's squad has been criticised for not including Socceroo stopper Steve Blair, Footscray JUST keeper Dennis Boland, Hellas strikers Alan Evans and Steve Woodin and other top players.

"Rudi Gutendorf was criticised for the instability of his World Cup squad, now I'm being criticised for the stability of my squad," said McKendry.

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We're tops, says Billy

"Soccer Action's" magic, says the Big Yie, Billy Connolly, Scotland's major export apart from whisky and "Australian" soccer players.

He's biased, though.

Being No. 1 ticket-holder of Victorian club Albion Rovers (strangely Scottish??), he was drawn to our full-page Canon close-up picture of his favorite Melbourne team.

Connolly's one of a host of international stars on Albion's honorary membership list. They include Johnny Cash, Harry Secombe, Des O'Connor, Gerry Marsden and the Pacemakers, Stanley Holloway and other notables, all "signed up" by Albion's live-wire publicity man Tony Kennedy.

The picture was taken by BERNIE WASLIN.



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YOUNG 'ROOS TAKE TO LES

By LES SHORROCK who was on the New Caledonia tour

The Australian national youth team, playing for the first time under coach Les Scheinflug, took another step along the road to the world youth championship in October when it visited New Caledonia, to play the French colony's senior team.

The trip was done on the cheap and was accepted only because the New Caledonians paid the air fares and accommodation costs for the party of 22.

It originally had been planned that the youth team should take part in the prestigious Mexico Six-Nation Tournament, but this was scrapped by the A.S.F.'s "Razor Gang" as the full enormity of the cost of the Gendarmat regime began to sink in, and the A.S.F. refused to budge even when the Mexican F.A. offered free accommodation, and Coca-Cola weighed in with an offer to meet half the cost of the air fares, a contribution of some \$12,000.

But the A.S.F. refused to spend another \$12,000 on Australia's soccer future, and A.S.F. marketing was too busy in other areas to bother to try to find a sponsor, so it was New Caledonia or nothing, or should that read, for nothing.

Originally, it was planned to take 17 players and five officials but when championship director Brian Emery found he was too busy to go, it was decided to take 18 players.

The squad was: Glen Ahearn, Brett Woods, Gerry Gomez, Jim Patikas, and Grant Lee, all of Sydney City, Dennis Colusso and Ian Hunter of Marconi, Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Koussas, of Sydney Olympic.

David Skeen of St George, Rob Wheatley, Blacktown, Steve Blair, South Melbourne, John Little, Preston, Paul Kay, Wollongong, David Mitchell, Adelaide City, Ian McKie, West Adelaide, Brett Beeves, Swansea-Beimont, and Oscar Crino, Institute of Sport, Canberra.

The party was led by A.S.F. Treasurer Tom Grimson and the other officials were Les Scheinflug, Doctor Keith Pearson of Brisbane and Leichardt masseur Spencer Thorpe.

All the games were played at Noumea's Magenta Stadium, which is very modern, with two big stands, one covered and the other open, which can accommodate about 30,000 and has a pitch as rough as a ploughed field.

Compared with the squad that toured Israel at Christmas this team looked infinitely more composed and showed much more striking potential. This was due in some measure of course to the return of Ian Hunter, who missed Israel after breaking his leg in Fiji.

His running and leadership abilities were sorely missed in Israel.

Dennis Ivanac, Calvin Daunt, Vlatko Belic, David Watt and Tony Radford, who toured Israel, were left out of this squad and in their place we sent Beeves, Colusso and Koussas.

But the biggest difference between the two tours was in the coaching.

Les Scheinflug quickly developed a rapport with this squad, most of whom he was meeting for the first time, and



The young Soccerroos in Noumea, from left: Brett Woods, Dave Skeen, Rob Wheatley, Jim Patikas, John Little, Paul Kay, Glen Ahearn, Dave Mitchell, Steve Blair, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

the boys responded to him and his ideas enthusiastically.

After the last game he summed up the tour to be by saying, "I was very impressed by my players' work rate and aggression under difficulties. Their finishing disappointed me a little, but against that it must be said that the extremely rough ground that we played on didn't lend itself to accurate passing or close ball control and on occasions I feel Hunter, Koussas, Mitchell and Little were thwarted by a bad bounce when they were in scoring positions."

"This squad has a lot of potential, and it shows how we are building for the future when you consider that Jim Patikas will still be eligible for the next World Youth Championship in 1983."

1st Game, Thursday June 25, 8.05 pm.

Australia 2 (Little 6th & 51st) New Caledonia 1 (Coulon 67th)

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn 7, Wheatley 6, Skeen 7, Blair 8, Woods 8, Kay 5, Raskopoulos 6, Little 8, Patikas 7, Mitchell 8, Hunter (captain) 6.

New Caledonia: Tavergeux 4 (Homous 6 25th), Diakie 7, Kenon 7, Demene 6 (Wacapa 6 75th), Drouin 7, Kolondred 6 (capt), Wama 8, Wabalo 8, Kenon 8 (Baneune 8 H.T.), Gowe 6, Coulon 6.

Referee: M. Reagnid Sorinto 2.

Crowd about 2000.

The Australians, having trained on the main Stadium in the morning, when they practiced set-pieces and defensive patterns, had learned how hard and bumpy the ground was, but what they were not prepared for was the slickness of the ball after the day-long drizzle.

Ball control was extremely difficult, and accurate passing nearly impossible.

Nevertheless they adapted themselves well, and after a tentative start, soon got on top.

They were given a wonderful start to, by John Little who snapped up a loose ball some 25 yards in front of goal and unleashed a left-foot "rocket" that poor Tavergeux never saw, after only six minutes.

It was all uphill for the locals after that, with David Mitchell giving the defenders a torrid time.

The New Caledonians played a rigid-man-to-man defence, with a lot of body-checking, the occasional kick and the odd punch and were aided considerably by some of the most blatantly one-sided refereeing it was possible to imagine.

Most Australian attacks were halted by the off-side flag, irrespective of where the player was when the ball was last played, the New Caledonians were awarded

free-kicks in the ratio of about five to Australia's one, and when the Aussies did get a free, the locals either kicked the ball away or refused to retreat ten yards, all without rebuke.

Mitchell did succeed in getting the ball in the net, but the goal was disallowed for handball off-side or both.

Several of them were also extremely jittery, seemed unable to cope with the threat of Mitchell, and being very tall, tended to kick the ball instead of going down to save, with the inevitable result that he tangled once too often with the tall striker, and went off with a twisted knee. Homou, who replaced him, was more capable.

After one fiery set-to between Blair and Matthieu Kenon, Blair ended up being booked while being revived by trainer Spencer Thorpe, and Thorpe was involved in another melee when he went on to assist Raskopoulos, who was lying groggy in the centre of the ground. Two local players went to drag Raskopoulos off the ground and Thorpe resisted them, whereupon the referee joined in too!

At half-time Scheinflug lectured his players long and hard about the dangers of being drawn into a brawl, and urged them to go on playing football and the result would come.

New Caledonia, in a rare attack, hit the post, but Australia got back on top again and in the sixth minute, Mitchell strode past his marker, only to be ruthlessly felled two yards inside the box.

To the Aussies' amazement, the vernal Sorinto, without turning a hair, awarded them a free-kick at least 10 yards from where the offence was committed, but justice was done when Little hammered another left-foot special past Homou to put them two goals up.

Although New Caledonia scored a good goal when flying winger Valentim Coulon for once got the better of Woods and played a good one-two with Alfred Wabalo before shooting well past Ahearn, the Aussies kept their poise and ran out good winners.

In fact in the dying seconds Jim Patikas picked up a ball deep in his own half and carried it 40 yards before putting Mitchell away and the striker was only felled by a crash tackle by goalkeeper Homou.

The Australians learnt a few lessons from this game, if only what it is like to play in a strange environment against unscrupulous opponents and under extremely lax refereeing.

They also found that it paid to be first to the ball, because



Coach Les Scheinflug with some of his charges, from left: Brett Woods, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas and John Little.

the extremely nippy New Caledonians were very fast on the break, and almost impossible to catch if they got away. Also, for all that they were without any scruples when it came to stopping an opponent.

Several of them were also very good players, particularly winger Francis Kenon, winger Joseph Wamal and Alfred Wabalo, all of whom had been recalled from Tahiti for the series, which was being used by the New Caledonians as a warm-up for the big Bastille Day Tournament on Honarara, on July 14.

There was an unfortunate aftermath, however as far as the Aussies were concerned. The effect of the match-long rain on the line pitch-markings gave David Mitchell, Steve Blair and Glen Ahearn burns to the legs and thighs, which were quite severe in the case of Mitchell.

He and Blair hobbled around during Friday and Saturday, but by Sunday morning Blair had recovered sufficiently to play, but Mitchell was ruled out.

To add to Scheinflug's problems, Ahearn suffered a knee injury on Saturday morning that also ruled him out and then Ian McKie stepped into a hole on that now-notorious pitch and twisted his ankle so badly that he was put out of action for the rest of the trip.

Scheinflug had made it plain to his players that they would all get a game, and as far as possible, would play 90 minutes, but now he had to play Brett Beeves of Swansea Beimont in goal and Mark Koussas in Mitchell's place as well as replacing Kay, Patikas and Skeen with Colusso, Lee and Crino respectively.

The Australian camp had protested about the referee after the first game and there was a visible air of relief when it was learned that a very respected French FIFA referee would be in charge of the next game.

2nd game, Sunday June 28, 8.03 pm.

AUSTRALIA 2 (Crino 46th, Colusso 73rd) NEW CALEDONIA 2 (Gowe 48th & 80th)

AUSTRALIA: Beeves 6, Wheatley 7, Crino 7, Blair 8, Woods 8, Raskopoulos 6, Colusso 6, Koussas 6, Little 7, Lee 6, Hunter 6.

NEW CALEDONIA: Gurnere 5, Diakie 7, Seafen 7, Demene 6, Kenon 7, Kolondred (capt), Wama 8, Wabalo 8, Gowe 8 (Wakapa H.T.), Neora 4 (Pama H.T.), Referee: Simon Racine, crowd about 3000.

Scheinflug confessed after the game that he had the jitters at the prospect of the untried Beeves playing his first international behind the brilliant but unpredictable Oscar Crino, who has been known to cause coaches the odd palpitation or two in the sweeper role.

But the Australians dominated the first half to such an extent that Beeves was untroubled and found his duties

Although the Aussies were unable to translate their superiority into goals, they obviously enjoyed their game, under the stern, but fair rule of Wurtz, who kept the rough play to a minimum.

Then in the first minute of the second half, Argentine-born Crino, known to his teammates as Ardiles (for obvious reasons), finding life a little too dull at sweeper, converted himself into a libero, and cheekily sallied forth to take on the entire New Caledonian defence.

As he advanced, the defenders backed off, anticipating a pass, which suited Crino perfectly, for, from about 25 yards, he suddenly let fly a little too dull at sweeper, converted himself into a libero, and cheekily sallied forth to take on the entire New Caledonian defence.

However the euphoria had scarcely abated when New Caledonia caught the Aussie defence ball-watching down the left, where Wheatley was stranded, Crino was nowhere in sight, and Coulon was allowed to cut in and let fly a shot that Beeves parried, but the ball went to second-half sub Aquati Gowe who made no mistake.

So the Aussies had it all to do again, and to their immense credit, they buckled down to the task and gradually got the upper hand.

After winning a series of throw-ins on the right flank, Wheatley forced a corner and Dennis Colusso ghosted in at the near post to head home as the defenders were lured away by Blair's decoy run.

But the defence stumbled again to throw victory away in the 80th minute. Blair made a bad pass, the ball was swept over Raskopoulos' head and behind Woods, who for once was caught out of position, and Gowe ran on and hammered the ball between Beeves and his near post, and Beeves was not without some blame either.

The Australians dominated from the start once again, but were constantly frustrated by New Caledonia's rugged defenders who were back to their body-checking best, constantly aided and abetted by Kéline's weak refereeing.

At half-time, Scheinflug took off the ineffectual Gomez and replaced him with Dennis Colusso and also lectured the Aussies severely about creating space and being first to the ball.

3rd game, Tuesday June 31, 8.03 pm.

AUSTRALIA 1 (Colusso) NEW CALEDONIA 0

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn 7, Wheatley 7, Crino 7, Blair 8, Woods 8, Raskopoulos 6, Patikas 6, Gomez 3, (Colusso H.T. 6), Little 8, Mitchell 6.

NEW CALEDONIA: Tavergeux 5, Diakie 7, Seafen 7, Demene 6, Kenon 7, Kolondred (capt), Wama 8, Wabalo 8, Gowe 8 (Wakapa H.T.), Neora 4 (Pama H.T.), Referee: Simon Racine, crowd about 3000.

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John Little indicates he has scored two goals.

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'I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S BETTER THAN ME TACTICALLY'

Attack, score and excite

If there were 11 Greeks as good as some of the Greek lads in Sydney Olympic's side new Olympic supremo Doug Collins would have an all-Greek outfit.

That was his answer to our question about any problems or pressures he may have encountered from the top of the Olympic tree to play Greek boys.

"I answer only to club president John Constantine," said Collins.

"I remember Tommy Docherty saying that he'd play 11 Chinamen if they could do the job. My sentiments exactly. The Greeks in Olympic's line-up are excellent players. It's as simple as that."

Collins came here at the Doc's request in February this year. He stayed with Docherty and helped the former Olympic manager-coach. He liked what he saw. Now the Doc has returned to the hustle and bustle of the English soccer scene and Collins is with Olympic for the next two months. Then the club and Collins will discuss the future.

When Olympic reviews its coaching situation the well-credentialed Collins is a prime candidate for a more permanent post.

He has had 20 years as a professional player in all four divisions of England's Football League.

Eight of his 10 years with Burnley were spent in First Division. He points to Burnley's Second Division championship win in 1973, the club's semi-final berth in the 1974 F.A. Cup and his Player of the Year award at Burnley in 1975 as the three highlights of his extensive playing career.

His playing days finished in America in the NASL with Tulsa Roughnecks.

Collins met Jimmy Redfern at Tulsa. Now 27, Redfern, a right winger, is one of the men Collins hopes to sign.

"Redfern played with Bolton Wanderers in the English First Division and he's quick and tricky. Just the sort of exciting player I'm looking for," said Collins.

And it's excitement that Collins hopes to bring to the thousands of Greek fans on the terraces.

"I've taken over a side with an attacking flair instilled by Tommy Docherty. That's just the way I like to play the game."

"Soccer in England is on the decline. Too many coaches are scared of losing their jobs. Consequently sides go out looking for a point and are happy if they get one. But people want to see goals. That's the name of the game."

"I've heard a lot about Olympic missing chances. I'll have to see about that myself. If it's the case that we're

creating but not sticking the ball in the back of the net then that will be remedied.

"I'm a thinker, I don't think anyone's better than me tactically."

"I've got charge of the most exciting side in Australia and that's the way it will stay."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

THE REFEREE RARELY WINS

Victorian referee David Yelland has not forgotten the bashing he received in Melbourne two years ago.

That is the opinion of FIFA referee, Peter Rampley.

He made this statement in answer to a question of mine about whether referees had form slumps just as players do.

Rampley says yes, they do. He says a row with your wife or problems at work can affect your form on the day of a game.

However, a bashing like Yelland received after a game in Melbourne a couple of seasons ago could have a more lasting effect.

Rampley says he too was bashed several years ago in a game between Western Suburbs and Pan Hellenic in Sydney.

It was a natural tendency for a while after that to want to avoid controversial decisions or make unpopular rulings.

"This was an interesting insight into the psyche of

members of one of the world's most abused professions.

The referee rarely wins. Invariably spectators, officials and players of the losing team will question his judgement, his ability and even his ancestry.

He goes into each game with this knowledge, along with the vague fear, which he pushes to the back of his mind, that assault and battery from enraged supporters could add physical injury to mental insult.

By way of compensation the Phillips League gives the man in black and Dunlop shoes a cheque for \$100 after each game.

If he ran the fine in an early game he would receive another \$40.

In NSW State League the pay is \$50 to run the first grade game, with another \$18 if you run a line earlier.

He usually will take a minimum six years to make it through the ranks into Federation and he will be 30 or more before he makes it to the Phillips League.

There are no Phillips League referees under 30.

Two of the best, Rampley and Tony Boskovic, are in their late 40's and will have to retire in a couple of years.

No referee can continue beyond 50.

Coaches, players and referees — in that order of priority, determine the entertainment value of a game of soccer.

I believe a referee can put the shackles on players just as effectively as any cautious, fearful coach.

While players and coaches need to be reminded that professional soccer is an entertainment industry, so do referees.

Nothing stultifies a game more than an over-fussy referee with a whistle that never stops shrilling.

Nothing dampens the fire of a top game, or defuses the atmosphere building up in a stadium more than a referee without the confidence to let a game flow.

The following are some habits I would like to see referees adopt to encourage the full flow of a game:

- Fouls involving bodies pushing and bumping in mid-field, without any danger to any parties should be overlooked as much as possible so as to allow the game to flow.

- Referees need to develop a wider range of vision so that they can refrain from blowing, say for offside, when the ball is obviously going into the hands of an unencumbered goalkeeper.

- Referees should develop skillful use of the advantage law.

- This law was given to referees precisely to help them keep the game flowing.

- Stop over-diligence when ordering players to take free kicks in mid-field at the exact spot of the offence. This drastically holds up the game and usually robs the recipient of any advantage.

The main attraction of soccer over other games such as Rugby League, baseball or gridiron is the momentum which can be built up.

Skilful players, aided by a skilful referee, can keep the game flowing virtually non-stop for 10-20 minutes on end as we saw in the FA cup final between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City where we



RALE RASIC

Unpredictable and dynamic, that's Charlie

Charlie Villani of Adelaide City is fast being recognised as one of the leading footballers in Australia, even though he's only 18.

He is a little dynamo, he is so well composed for a player of his youth, his technique is faultless, his reading of the game is excellent and he's a spot-on finisher.

He's also the most unpredictable player in the country. No-one can sum him up. No-one can anticipate what he will do, because he's so brilliant.

I first saw him when he was 16, playing for Adelaide City's second team against Azzurri in the South Australian Ampol Cup.

In the dressing room afterwards, I said to him: "You will be an international in a maximum of two years if you work hard and listen to advice."

But Villani's progress was interrupted by a cartilage operation which kept him out of action for most of last year.

Had it not been for that setback, I reckon he would be an "A" international player today.

He will start his international career during the Coca-Cola world youth championships in October. Although coach Les Scheinflug did not take him to New Caledonia, I'm sure he will have Villani in the team for the youth finals.

Villani is one of four young stars at Adelaide City. The others are Sergio Melt, David Mitchell and Chris Manou.

The club must be congratulated on producing players of such quality.

Congratulations also to the two Brisbane clubs and to Wol-



Charlie Villani

longing for their continuing good form in the PSL.

All three play a rugged, tough, direct style of football which, regardless of what some critics say, make them capable of defeating any team in the league.

Meanwhile, as I predicted at the start of the season, Marconi and Heidelberg are feeling the effects of the demanding international commitments of their players.

Heidelberg and Marconi were top teams last year. This year they're only a shadow of what they were.

Egan the target for talent scouts

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Charlie Egan headed the Victorian State League goalkeepers' list from the day he played his first match for Frankston City in the first round of the season.

Now he is the target of talent scouts galore.

Essendon Croatia and Preston Make-donia made unsuccessful bids to sign him and a representative of a Sydney PSL club is said to have flown to Melbourne to watch him play four weeks ago.

"I'd like to give the big league a go to see if it's as good as people say it is," he says.

"But I undervalued myself when I signed with Frankston. I won't make that mistake again."

What makes Egan such a deadly goalkeeper? According to his former Frankston teammate Danny McCuskey, now with Make-donia, Egan is so sharp and too fast for most defenders to handle. He's quick on the turn and dynamite around the box, McCuskey says.

When Charlie Egan was unemployed in his native Scotland he would sleep until about noon, get up and head for the local pub. The poolroom and the betting shop were next on the visiting list.

But Egan doesn't drink or smoke. He just was "killing time".

So it wasn't hard for him to make up his mind to come to Australia when given the chance.

"I'd hear guys in the pub saying that they could have gone to Australia about 10 years ago," said Egan.

"I said to myself that I could be saying the same thing in 10 years time."

"I had no real prospects job wise so when John Pryde approached me through Pat McCuskey I decided to come over."

The part-time nature of Australian soccer isn't new to the 21 year Scot.

He's played with Dumbarton and Berwick Rangers as a part-timer.

Egan came within inches of really making it "back home."

Scottish soccer is structured on a three-tier basis starting at the juvenile level, moving up to junior and peaking at league level.

While with Kilsyth St Pat's, Egan was selected for the Stirlingshire regional team to contest a European tournament in Holland.

The Stirlingshire lads won through to



Charlie Egan

England 3-0. Egan scored the last goal in that triumph.

His return to his homeland was crowned by his selection in the Scottish juvenile side which lost 2-1 to the Scottish school-boys. Glasgow Rangers' young star John McDonald played for the schoolboys.

Egan signed for Campsie Black Watch, one of the finest juvenile sides in Scotland. League and cup success followed but with little left to be achieved with Campsie he joined Rob Roy Juniors.

After playing most of the season he was approached to spend a week with leading English club Aston Villa.

"I trained under the various Villa coaches at a complex in the countryside. It was a magnificent complex with a gymnasium, saunas, restaurant, five-a-side pitches and six playing fields," he says.

"I was due to play for Villa reserves against Bristol Rovers but the pitch was waterlogged so I returned after my week without playing a trial game."

"Glasgow Celtic and Berwick Rangers approached me."

"Celtic had approached me before, when I was with Kilsyth St Pat's. I was asked to go to Celtic Park for a month so I gave up my job to concentrate on my game."

"It was near the end of the Scottish season and there were two games left against Hibs and St Mirren, one game on a Saturday, the other the following Wednesday."

"But St Pat's had a Cup game on the Saturday and I was bound to play for them. That Cup match was drawn and the replay was on the Wednesday so I missed out on playing for the Celtic reserves."

"Sean Fallon was the boss at Celtic then. He'd taken over from Jock Stein who had been badly injured in a car crash."

"Fallon was sacked and Billy McNeill

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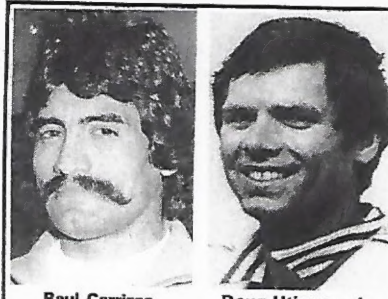
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Raul Carrizzo

Doug Utjesenovic

Utjesenovic sticks to his ideals

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Doug Utjesenovic brought to his first coaching job with Avala certain standards and ideals which had served him well during those glorious years with St. George, J.U.S.T. and the Socceroos.

He believes quite simply that to play, you must train, and train hard. He believes that a player must have self-discipline and must have the character to accept discipline. He believes coaching should be left with the coach, not with the committee.

It was because the committee told him he had to put Raul Carrizzo and Branko Karanfilovski into the team, that Utjesenovic quit Avala last week.

He had been with the club for only eight weeks. During that time it lost six matches in the NSW State League, drew one and won only one, but Utjesenovic remains adamant that improvement was being shown, he was starting to get the results for which he had been working.

It all ended last week and there was talk that Kaz Kulak the man Utjesenovic had replaced as coach, was to return to Avala.

But Utjesenovic wants to stay in coaching. He enjoys it and if the right job became available, he would like it.

Meanwhile, he plays with he has time with Liverpool City in the sixth division. His former St. George and Socceroo team mate Atle Abonyi, coach of Riverwood, plays there too sometimes.

"It may be only a little club, but the attitude at Liverpool City is 10 times more professional than at Avala," he says angrily as he recalls the sequence of events that led to Avala and Utjesenovic parting company.

"On the night I took over eight weeks ago, we went for a 20 minute run and then I went to go to play the senior side against the others," he says.

"I said to Carrizzo he should play left wing for the senior side but he said no, he was a left midfielder. I said OK, but please, would you play left wing in this practice game. He said again he was a left midfielder, so I let him play left midfielder in the second-string team."

"He went home. I suggested to the committee he should be fined, but half the committee wanted Carrizzo to come back. I said I would take him back, but he would have to come to me and talk about it. He did come to a few trainings, but he never talked to me about that first night."

"With Karanfilovski, it was a case of missing training all the time."

"He wasn't fit."

"One night, when we had no lights because of power restrictions, we did 45 minutes of training and he could not handle it. He started to vomit."

"There was always talk behind my back about the two players. Many committeemen wanted them back in the team."

"I said that if Carrizzo and Karanfilovski could win the game for us, they would be in. It would help everyone. But they had to prove first that they were fit. I wanted to see them in the second grade first, but the president said they should go straight into the first grade."

"That's when I quit."

Avala has some talented players like Warren Turnbull, Gary Feirclough and captain Peter Ahrens, but according to Utjesenovic, the team was unfit when he joined, even after the Ampol Cup campaign and the first 11 league games.

He added the attitude of some of the players also was wrong. "Some were smoking in the rooms, even before training," he said.

Most of the players quickly got behind Utjesenovic and appreciated his conscientious approach to his job.

"I put a lot of work and a lot of study in coaching," he says. "I had a lot of help from Raul Carrizzo and Atle Abonyi and I feel I can handle this work. My mind is 100% clear about what happened at Avala and I look forward to carrying on the coaching at another club."

Utjesenovic ended his illustrious career as a top-level player at the end of last season.

"I had had a horror of a year," he says. "I had a milk run on which I worked six nights a week, which made me no good for soccer, so I told St. George that it was the end for me."

He had devoted 10 years to the club. Before that he had two seasons with Footscray J.U.S.T., the club which brought him out from Yugoslavia where he played for OFK Belgrade.

He represented Victoria and NSW and played 61 games for Australia, 34 of them full internationals.

His brother-in-law and former St. George and Socceroo team mate George Harris preceded Utjesenovic into the NSW State League — as a player, rather than a coach. Harris joined Abonyi's Riverwood and was playing extremely well until he broke an ankle 10 weeks ago.

Dave Fordham — he fought paralysis on way to the top

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

Not even three months of paralysis could quell the enthusiasm of David Fordham, Channel 9's World of Soccer compere and NBN 3's man for all sporting seasons.

Fordham was struck by the Guilliambarre syndrome in 1978.

It is caused by a mystery virus which affects the central nervous system. Fordham played golf on Wednesday. By Friday he was totally paralysed.

"The whole thing lasted three months," said Fordham. "When your whole future is in doubt and you recover you come out of it with a really good outlook on life."

That period in Fordham's life was particularly cruel to an active and successful sportsman. Fordham was a Rugby League fanatic in his young days, representing the NSW country area before a severe shoulder injury ended his career. He also opened the batting for Newcastle City's first grade cricket side. He still does.

Fordham is a Newcastle lad. He attended the local Marist Brothers' College.

The change in the sporting priority of the Marist Brothers' College is indicative of the upsurge in soccer in the Newcastle area. In no small way people like Fordham played their part.

He admits to being totally converted to soccer. He became the chairman of KB United's promotions committee. KB had gained entry into the PSL in 1978 and the promotions committee had to win over a Rugby conscious city.

The committee comprised representatives of the local Press, radio and television station NBN 3. Fordham was and is the sports editor of NBN 3. KB manager-coach Alan Vest and the club's directors also were on the committee.

"We had to market KB to the people. And we had to market the PSL too," said Fordham.

"Our efforts were rewarded with a crowd of more than 15,000 for KB's first home game against Marconi."

"Australian soccer needs the promotion of identities and that's what we achieved. Graham Heys or Roy Drinkwater can walk down the street and be recognised. KB had been put on the soccer map."

"The ASF hasn't aimed at the average sporting freak in Australia. Sure, the message has got across to soccer people but people divorced from the game don't know anything about it."

"The big problem is that we haven't established an identity and the Australian soccer team isn't important to the Australian public."

"I bet at least seven out of 10 Australians don't know what the coming World Youth Cup finals are all about."

"ASF marketing hasn't done the job yet. Other than nicknames and logos it's done bugger all."

"We've got to make the Ian Hunters of this country national identities."

"In Newcastle we marketed 11 players who now can be readily recognised and are constantly in demand for promotions and sportsmen's nights."

"I see Newcastle as a test market for the rest of Australia."

"In four years we overhauled the general sporting public. Okay, so not everyone goes to KB's games but everyone knows what KB's result was on the weekend."

But few know that a law student of five years standing decided to give up his academic life to pursue a career as a broadcaster. "I wanted to get involved in TV. I had to keep knocking on quite a few doors before one opened. That was in 1973 with ABC radio. I said that I had no experience but I thought that I could handle the job. Three weeks later a guy became sick and I did a rugby call over the radio."

"In July, 1977, NBN 3 approached me and I jumped at the chance because I love all sports. I do broadcasts on basketball, Rugby League and Rugby Union, cricket, golf and other sports. It's all part of my day to day involvement with sport. I'd say that I cover more sports than any compere in Australia. I've got a three hour live sports show in Newcastle to boot."

"I did the commentary for three soccer matches in Adelaide last year for Channel 9 there. I covered Australia, and Northern Ireland, South Australia versus Czechoslovakia and AC Milan against South Australia."

"I went to Singapore late last year with KB. We beamed a live telecast of KB's game against Singapore back to Newcastle. That was the first time a regional station in this country had put on an exclusive live satellite telecast."

"When I returned from Singapore I was approached by Channel 9 to cover the last game of Australia's world tour in 1980. It was against Indonesia in Djakarta."

"Then Peter Skelton, whose production company produces 'World of Soccer,' approached me. I think he was looking for an Australian host."

"As a compere you have to do your homework. I take pride in what I do and I don't go into the show underprepared."

"Actually I rarely see the show because NBN 3 doesn't take it in Newcastle. Sometimes though I watch a tape."

"But I've been fortunate to meet some fine people through my involvement with soccer."

"Tommy Docherty stands out. I worked with him at Channel 9 for 12 weeks and I learned so much from him. He made my trip down from Newcastle to tape the show really worthwhile. I was very sorry to see him go."

"And I've known two of the greatest guys in the game, both guest players with KB. Both English internationals. Guys who really made it big but were completely unaffected — Bobby Charlton and Mike Channon."

"I thought Charlton was a marvellously natural person. He loved working with kids. A real gentleman."

"And Channon was absolutely magnificent both on and off the field. He wanted to contribute."

"A lot of guest players come here and are happy as long as their pockets are well lined. But not these two guys."

Fordham's smiling face and pleasant manner combined with an informed, confident presentation sweep through the media coverage of Australian soccer like a welcome breath of fresh air. The compass of the past and most of the present pale into insignificance whenever Fordham is at work.

I have no hesitation in naming him the most professional Australian soccer host I've seen.

Most national networks pay lip service to Australian soccer with five minute segments covering the local scene. Other sports of have their images enhanced by the incompetence of the stuttering stammering soccer hosts.



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The simple reason being, that there is a majority of people in office at club, national and state level, who do not know the first thing about administering professional soccer.

Some of these gentlemen are strictly amateurs in what — by the amount of money that is spent — is a professional game.

And until this fault is rectified the game of soccer in Australia never will progress.

Maybe we writers take ourselves too seriously when it comes to talking and writing about soccer? I just don't know.

But believe me, to be in the media and connected with soccer here in Australia, you

Officials should go back to school

have to be an eternal optimist, hoping one day that commonsense will prevail and the game will fulfill its true potential.

I mean to say, just what has it going to be done about getting this game of ours back on the rails after all the recent troubles?

I'm not joking when I say that at the present time many of our top administrators are trying to make believe that everything in the garden is rosy — when the game's falling apart at the seams.

Instead of getting down to the business of curing the many ills of the code, the people in high places seem to have run for cover or are passing the buck.

Like the Irishman pushing the wheelbarrow — and there's no better wheelbarrow pushers in the world than the Irish! — our administrators have the job in front of them.

Now is the time for those with courage and character to face up to the responsibilities they have as administrators.

If they can't do this then they should move over and make room for people who can.

And again I state, that this malady is prevalent at club, state and national level.

The mortality rate of coaches in Australian soccer is sky high and always has been since I can remember.

Probably the main reason for this is not the coach's ability or lack of it, but adminis-

trators treating coaches only as whipping boys.

When a team is winning the administrators really think that it is by their doing, yet when a team loses it's always the poor coach's fault.

Also this terrible, terrible habit of club, state and national administrators going to players and asking their advice on coaches, is something that has got to be stamped out immediately.

If it isn't, then a coach in Australia — no matter who he is, has a real chance to succeed.

The player-committee combine will always get him in the end!

All this, plus the jealousy in the game, and believe me it's riddled with it, makes it a very sad code indeed, at the present time.

There are too many people who think they are big fishes in a little pool and are afraid if the pool gets bigger they will become little fishes.

If the situation wasn't so bad, it would be laughable. Ah well, there's always next year... and next year... and next year... and next year!!

FOOTNOTE: Did you hear about the Irish soccer administrator who had a feed of candles? — He wanted a light refreshment!!

An announcement at an Australian soccer match (name of the club withheld to save embarrassment!) — "For the benefit of the players, here are the names of the spectators!!"

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Wallace, Raithrose in '75

By PAUL MOON

During his 11 years in Scottish League soccer, Ajax's recent signing Gordon Wallace gained respect as an honest and reliable performer — one of the unsung majority who form the backbone of the professional game.

Wallace signed for Raith Rovers from junior club Penanik Athletic of the East Scotland League in 1970. During eight seasons with the Kircaldy club he was leading goalscorer four times.

The highlight of his career with Rovers was the 1975-76 season which ended with Raith gaining promotion to the First Division. Dundee United, though, offered the opportunity of Premier Division football, and it was there that Wallace moved in October 1977.

Unfortunately he was unable to establish himself in a powerful United side, making only 14 appearances for the "Terrors", six of them as substitute.

However he did have the honor of playing against the big three of Caledonian soccer — Rangers, Celtic and Aberdeen.

In December 1979 Berwick Rangers enticed him back to the First Division. He was unable to settle at Berwick and had a short period at Cowdenbeath before deciding his future lay in Australia.

Wallace scored 78 goals in 253 Scottish League games. With Gus McLeod and Wallace in his line-up, Ajax has potentially the most explosive striking partnership outside the PSL.

Unlike his compatriot Tommy Docherty, Wallace is unlikely to complain about the size of Australian attendances, for Wallace's last Scottish club Cowdenbeath rarely attracted more than



Gordon Wallace

Houseman toast of 1974 World Cup

From page one

"In the second half Argentina took off Brindisi, ill at ease as a striker, and introduced a player who at once transformed them and who was to become one of the toasts of the tournament. Rene Houseman, a tiny winger, brave, serpentine and fast: socks worn scornfully round his ankles. Heredia after 55 minutes but when Carnevali's careless throw went straight to Lato, who tore through to score, that was clearly that, though Babington did score after hitting the post of an open goal."

Glanville continues: "Next on the same ground, Argentina and Italy: a match that was a nightmare and a humiliation for the Italians in everything but the score. Quite what possessed Valcareggi, the Italian manager, to assume that Houseman, of all people, was going to play in midfield, and to set his own creative inside-forward Fabio Capello, to mark him, heaven knows."

"At all events Capello turned by this error into a full-back, was run ragged by Houseman, who scored a lovely goal from a pass

by Babington, who bestrode the field, calmly impeccable. Too late Valcareggi understood what was happening, pushed Capello upfield and set the ruthless Benetti to mark Houseman, who ran him ragged as well, unintimidated by his brutal tackling. Alas for Argentina, moral victors on the day, Italy equalised when Perfumo turned Benetti's cross past his own goalkeeper, but it had been inspiring to see Argentina, in both matches, throw off the over-compensatory chains of defensive football and play as they carry and should."

In the 1974 World Cup finals, won by Argentina, Houseman played against France (2-1), Hungary (2-1), Italy (0-1) as a substitute, Poland (2-0), Peru (6-0) as a sub, and in the final against Holland (3-1) as a sub.

The Houseman brothers have joined Hakoah initially until the end of the season but have agreed to sign contracts for two years.

Rene, 28, played for River Plate and Huracan. Marcelo, 20, played for FAS.

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Scorers — City: Barnes 31st, 39th & 65th, Cant 40th, Soumess 21st, Olympic: Koussas 36th & 90th, Raskopoulos 66th, Jennings 71st.

Venue — Sydney Athletic Field. Conditions — good.

Referee: Tim Davies 8.

Attendance: 682.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullin 6, Spanos 6, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Watson 7 (sub Robertson 70th).

Barnes 8, Cant 8, Soumess 9, Kassim 7, Patikas 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Palmer 6, Wilson 6, Rowdoun 7, Mullin 6, Kotholos 6, Raskopoulos 7, Leung 7, Scott 6, Koussas 8, Jennings 8.

Goals were what football is all about so the paying customers had nothing to complain about in this thrilling affair.

There were nine goals in a game

packed with action, excitement, thrills and spills.

This was soccer entertainment at its best and the kind of stuff that will have the fans queuing up for more.

A thrilling 5-4 result was much better than a 1-0 result or a scoreless draw any day of the week.

In this memorable clash both teams threw caution to the wind and threw everything into attack.

This meant that at times they left themselves exposed at the back.

But the attitude of positive attacking football was as if a breath of fresh air had blown into the Sydney Athletic Field, especially after the dreary midweek game when the Slickers downed Wollongong 1-0.

The Slickers realised that Olympic is a team fully committed to attacking football and they threw down the gauntlet from the opening whistle.

Slickers coach Eddie Thomson pulled off a last one when he continually switched Murray Barnes and Jim Patikas from the left midfield position to the left striking position.

The continual interchanging of this pair had Olympic defender Danny Moulis in a quandary.

The result was that Barnes notched a hat-trick and Patikas also had a good game.

The Slickers were three up after 31 minutes through goals by Cant, Soumess and Barnes.

Olympic pulled one back when Koussas netted but Barnes stepped in twice again, to give his side what looked to be a devastating 5-1 lead.

But in their how typical marauding fashion the young Olympic team fought back and goals by Graham Jennings and Mark Koussas brought the score to 5-4.

Believe me the Slickers were relieved to hear the final whistle.

This win takes the Slickers to the top of the PSL ladder and they will be hard to defeat from now on, especially with Argentine World Cup star Rene Houseman due to arrive in Sydney today.

Sydney Olympic's position may not be all that spectacular on the PSL ladder, but they are certainly top of the soccer entertainment chart in Australia.

It was a whirlwind baptism for Olympic's new coach Doug Collins who arrived from England four days before the game.

The action seemed to bewilder Collins — and little wonder.

After the game he shook his head in disbelief, and said "I'll need time to think about this one."

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Colusso and Raskopoulos and Patikas began to push balls through to their strikers.

The New Caledonians played well in defence too, with Francis Kenon at sweep, positively brilliant.

But there was a sensation at the 25th minute of the half, when, after an Australian attack had been cleared, it was seen that Blair, some 40 yards behind the play, had been

kicked and felled, and referee Kelline, despite his previous shortcomings, promptly and bravely sent off the offender, Francis' brother, Matthieu Kenon, the striker (in more ways than one).

That wasn't the end of Blair's problems either. Another forward, in a get-even mood, hit him with a peach of a punch right in the mouth after a jostling match.

After that it seemed inevitable that Australia would win against 10 men, and when the goal came, it was fitting that Little should have a big hand in it.

Francis Kenon tried once to often to dribble his way out of a tight corner, and was confronted by Little, who got the upper hand, neatly rounded Kenon and crossed to Colusso, who coolly chested the ball down and with defenders coming at him from all sides, slipped the ball into the roof of the net.

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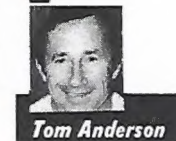
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"They certainly look very good coming forward but there were a few gaps in defence which we set to work on."

Slickers coach Eddie Thomson was not all that happy with his defence either.

But let's hope that these two coaches do not curb the flamboyant attitude of their players too much.

For believe me, it was refreshing to watch an entertaining game such as this — there should be more of it and if there were, attendances would certainly increase.



Kouis for West

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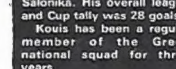
Greek international striker Kostas Kouis has signed to play six guest matches for West Adelaide.

West Adelaide, PSL champion in 1978, is having its worst season and is last on the league table with only nine points from 19 games.

Club vice-president, Con Daskalos, announced that 24-year-old Kouis was due to arrive in Adelaide soon.

Kouis, who is an attacking midfielder or striker, topped the Greek First Division scoring list this season with 18 goals for his club, Aris of Salonika. His overall league and cup tally was 28 goals.

Kouis has been a regular member of the Greek national squad for three years.



Miranda signs

Preston-Makedonia last week signed Richard Miranda, a 19-year-old midfielder from South Africa.

Miranda played for Wits University in Johannesburg. He was signed by English club Charlton Athletic last year but the club was unable to get a work permit for him, so he returned to South Africa before coming to Australia to visit his brother. Miranda joins Makedonia's other recent recruits, Peter Boyle, Isaac Farrell, Danny McCuskey and Richard Wilson.



Richard Wilson

to secure a guest player from Yugoslavia. Ilija Petkovic, due three weeks ago, changed his mind at the last minute.

Wollongong 0 Newcastle 0

Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd: 2100.

Referee: Ken Small 6.

WOLLONGONG: Vardaroff 8 — Fleming 6, Bertogina 9, de Graaf 7, Ainsworth 8 — Adam 7, Dunleavy 9, P. Tredinnick 8 — Campbell 7, Fontana 8, Latham 7.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Reaney 8, Sneddon 7, Drinkwater 7, H. Tredinnick 7.

Scorers: Dando 7, Mason 7 — Hays 6, Mountford 6, Jones 6.

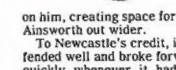
Wollongong coach Ken Morton used star centre back Chris Dunleavy in a new central midfield role to mark Newcastle's New Zealand international Steve Sumner.

Not only did he shadow Sumner, but he also pushed up into the box as an alternative target man when he had the chance. Dunleavy and centre back Arno Bertogina were the finest players in a very pleasing Wollongong performance which, however, failed to produce goals.

The threat of scoring was always there, though.

Morton's pre-match plan was to have John Lathan and John Sherris play slightly behind front-runners Clive Campbell and Glen Fontana to drag Paul Reaney inside and create a gap for Peter Tredinnick.

It worked well, and when



Knut Werner

on him, creating space for Jeff Ainsworth out wider.

To Newcastle's credit, it defended well and broke forward quickly whenever it had the opportunity, but Fleming and Bertogina repelled most of the advances.

It was a disallowed goal 12 minutes from the end that cost Wollongong a win.

Fontana sent in a good cross to Campbell who headed the ball home.

But referee Ken Small disallowed the goal, ruling Fontana had taken the ball across the goal line before he crossed it.

Ex-Newcastle player, Peter Tredinnick, played well against his old club and had a spirited clash with his brother Howard on the Newcastle team.

The best player for Newcastle was Paul Reaney who defence was superb and who

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U.S.T. FANTASTIC!

Adel. C. Juventus 1 Footscray JUST 3

Scorers: J. Nyskohus 59th (Ad. City); Ilioski 15th, Cozzella 82nd and 84th.
Cautions: Jovanovic, O'Reilly (Footscray); Northcote (Adelaide City).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.

Crowd: 3,300
Weather: Cool
Referee: Don Campbell 7.
ADELAIDE CITY: Prybylski 7, Russell 6, Jones 7, Perin 7, E. Nyskohus 8, Melia 8, Villani 7, Marocchi 6 — Northcote 7 (Rankin), Mitchell 6, J. Nyskohus 6.
FOOTSCRAY: Boland 9 — Hazabent 7, Kondariou 8, O'Reilly 7, Kakantonis 7 — Belic 7, Jovanovic 7, Ilioski 8 — Lujic 8, Verweij 7, Cozzella 8.

Adelaide City's defence looked vulnerable for the first time in weeks while the midfield and attack lacked its usual rhythm.

City picked the wrong match to have an off day because Footscray J.U.S.T. played with great determination and skill.

However it can thank goalkeeper Dennis Boland for shutting the door on City.

He made four great saves and that does not include his second-minute penalty kick save from John Nyskohus.

It was the second penalty in three matches Nyskohus had missed.

The penalty was awarded when Charlie Villani was chopped down just inside the box.

J.U.S.T. swamped City's defence after this and Vlatko Belic easily could have scored twice but for some sloppy finishing.

However, J.U.S.T. eventually took the lead in the 15th minute when Zoran Ilioski cracked a superb 25-metre drive into the far corner.



Meno Toutsidis

MATCH RATING 8

City was denied an equaliser seven minutes later when Boland saved brilliantly from a blistering volley by Villani.

J.U.S.T. never allowed the City midfield to control the match and always had them under pressure.

Udravko Lujic was a menace up front and was the best striker of the match.

He was given good support from Johan Verweij and Bruno Cozzella.

City opened the second half more confidently but the midfield prompts of Villani and Sergio Melia were often wasted.

But John Nyskohus equalised in the 59th minute when he brilliantly headed a Villani corner kick.

Boland then made two good saves from Melia and substitute Peter Rankin before John Nyskohus attempted a pass back to his goalkeeper.

The ball went out for a corner and moments later Cozzella put the ball into the net for a shock 82nd minute lead.

As if that wasn't enough Cozzella, with all the time in the world, calmly spun on the edge of the penalty area and fired it past Jack Prybylski for the third goal.

J.U.S.T.'s win was remarkable because Kyri Kyriakoulas was out, suspended, and Jim Milne was injured.

Forward Steve Kakantonis stood in as full back and did a great job.



What a tackle! Steve Blair is horizontal as he foils Blacktown's Ricci Hormazabal.

SM HELLAS 2 BLACKTOWN 1

Goals: Hormazabal og 62nd, Bannan 70th, Jones 79th.
Venue: Middle Park.
Referee: D. Yelland 5.
Cautions: Evans, Rogers, Jones.

HELLAS: Laumets 6; Bannan 7, Xanthopoulos 6, Blair 6, Davidson 7; Rogers 8, Stevenson 6, Christopoulos 7, Woodin 6, Evans 7, Campbell 6 (Buljevic 58th).
BLACKTOWN: James 5;

Selva 8, Rasmussen 8, Pointer 7, Milovanovic 7; Djordjevic 6, Hormazabal 6, O'Donnell 6, Turner 7, Burrows 6 (Wheatley 69th), Jones 6.

South Melbourne Hellas is back in the hunt for the PSL title but it can hardly draw confidence from Sunday's slender win at Middle Park.

And now Hellas has to contend with the loss of George Christopoulos who announced after the match he was going to Greece to train with a First Division club later this month.

Blacktown brought back Mike Milovanovic after suspension and Peter Jones took over from Branko Culina in the forward line.

The club's import from Germany, Branslav Kristic, was listed on the team sheet but was not in the starting line up. His place was taken by Brian Turner who was down as a substitute.

After a largely forgettable first half in which the highlights were Cliff Pointer turning Christopoulos' shot round the post, a Jones header which sailed just over the bar, a talking-to by David Yelland to Billy Rogers, and a booking for Alun Evans, the second half opened the game up with a bizarre own goal.

Steve Woodin started the move with a cross from the by-line, Bruce James parried Branko Buljevic's header, Tony Rasmussen swung a wild clearance at the loose ball on the goal line but it hit Hormazabal on the thigh and rebounded into the net.

Blacktown coach Rale Rasic was fuming after the game, saying that Buljevic had elbowed James in the face before the goal, affecting the keeper's reflexes.

The goal lifted Hellas' game and for the next 10 minutes the visitors were pinned in their own half, forcing Rasic to bring on an extra defender, Robert Wheatley, in place of Paul Burrows.

However Wheatley had not touched the ball before the side was 0-2 down.

Stuart Selva gave away a foul for obstruction on Buljevic and Vince Bannan's free



Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING 5

Close one, and now George to leave



TOP: Got it! ABOVE: Whoops, it's gone. Vince Bannan's free kick slips through Bruce James' hands. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

kick proved too hot for James, allowing the ball to slip through his hands into the net.

From then on Hellas should have coasted home but instead it allowed Blacktown back into the game only nine minutes later when some scrappy defence allowed Jones to exchange three passes in the area and then slip the ball home past Peter Laumets.

Only a minute after the goal, Brian O'Donnell intercepted Alan Davidson's crossfield pass and broke through but Laumets pulled off a fine save to deny the midfielder.

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Maher thwarts Canberra

Canberra 0 Marconi 0

CANBERRA: Hozowski 8, M. O'Shea 7, Moutsopoulos 8, J. O'Shea 7, Cole 8, R. O'Shea 8, Purdie 8, Ian Gibson 7 (Mazza 77th), Brennan 7 (Valleri 62nd), MacLaren 8.

MARCONI: Maher 9, Degney 7, Bogan 7, Henderson 8, Byrne 7, Houston 8, Johnson 7, Mariani 7, Jankovic 7, (Hunter 45 7), Krncevic 7, Sherne 7.

Cautions: M. O'Shea, MacLaren, Houshine.
Crowd: 4160.
Ref: Bob Mee 7.

"We did more than enough to win but once more it was the old story of creating chances but failing to convert them," said Canberra's coach, George Murray after the game.

"It is costing us dearly". There could be no more incredible miss than in the 62nd minute by Canberra's Scottish import, Ian Purdie.

Purdie beat everyone — including Marconi's goalkeeper, Allan Maher.

He was left with an open goal yet incredibly, when no more than two or three metres out, he somehow fired wide of the post.

"The ball got stuck between my feet," a dejected Purdie said after the game.

Had it gone in there would have been but one end result — a thumping Canberra victory.

Minutes afterwards, Canberra's fans had further reason to groan when Don



Peter Windsor

MATCH RATING 8

MacLaren's fiercely hit ground shot that looked destined for goal brought out the best in Maher who somehow got his 6ft 3 inch frame onto the deck to save.

Yet he didn't stop the ball completely and finally, after Ian Gibson had slammed the loose ball back into a pack of red-shirted Marconi defenders, it took the boot of Tony Henderson to clear for the corner.

And in the 71st minute, Maher was once more called open to save brilliantly — this time a long shot from Duncan Cole.

It was an incredible second 45 minutes.

Full marks to Marconi for withstanding the pressure for Canberra ran Marconi ragged.

The PSL's former glamour side was reduced to the occasional quick break.

Yet from one such break Marconi almost snatched a goal when Eddie Krncevic's flicked header was cleared off

the goal-line by Michael O'Shea.

Marconi's coach Paul Bianco could be happy with the way his team defended — but unhappy with the way they gave up early dominance gained through solid midfield grafting by players like Henderson and Houshine.

The first half was thoroughly entertaining, with incidents like John O'Shea's diving header just wide of the post from a fine waist-high cross from Duncan Cole and a blistering Tony Brennan shot that Maher did well to hold.

The crowd of 4,160 witnessed a great spectacle. One could only reflect why the attendance, despite reasonable weather and a big publicity build-up wasn't bigger.

Bianco must rate Maher and Henderson his best players while Canberra's coach George Murray must have been thoroughly pleased at the showing of his young, teenage fullback John Moutsopoulos.

Young Moutsopoulos, a big strong lad, had a great game. One wonders why he hasn't been trialled for the Australian youth team.

And finally Terry Byrne, MacLaren and each of the three O'Sheas.

All played magnificently and gave total commitment.

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IN BRIEF

Manchester City have signed Martin O'Neill, the Norwich and Northern Ireland international whom the East Anglian bought for a big fee from Notts Forest late last season. But it's not a cut and dried move as Norwich want cash for O'Neill as Manchester City still owe them \$1 million as the remainder for Kevin Reeves transfer. The business is likely to go before the League Management Committee.

The British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, is to be president of her home town soccer club Grantham who play in the Soccer League.

Newly promoted Notts County have paid out 100,000 pounds to Irish club Ballymena for their youth international defender Nigel Worthington which makes the 19-year-old the most expensive export from Northern Ireland.

O'CONNOR BRILLIANT AGAIN

APIA 1 West Adel 0

Scorer: Soper. Venue: Lambert Park. Crowd: 3500.
APIA: Woodhouse 7 — McAusland 6, Wilson 8, Pullen 7, Gray 7 — Bradley 7, Kafka 6 (Morsello 67th). Butler 7. Hughes 6 — Soper 7, O'Connor 9.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 8 — McGregor 6, Ford 6, Kambas 7, Boaznic 8 — Topaz 7, Brown 6 (Maricic 68th), Honeyman 7 — Smythe 6, Kowalski 6 (Lorenzoni 75th), Manecas 6.

APIA — Leichhardt scored its fifth home win, beating West Adelaide by 1-0, but failed to impress some 3,500 plus crowd at Lambert Park.

In fact the home side had to fight hard to avoid dropping a point against an unfancied West Adelaide.

The visitors threw caution to the wind and decided to go 'for broke' attacking the home team at every opportunity. With this kind of attitude



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING 7

Westad could have gone in front after a quick move involving Graham Honeyman, Manecas and Kowalski, but Greg Woodhouse made a daring venture out of goal to foil Kowalski and kick the ball over the side line just as the visitors looked set to score.

Leichhardt appeared sluggish and with the exception of O'Connor few showed touches which could have netted the home team a goal. It was O'

Connor who had the first chance for the home team after a great move involving Zdenko Kafka. His cross was neatly headed down by Bradley and O'Connor slipped the ball through Kambas's legs before shooting over the bar.

Woodhouse made a great save from Graham Honeyman's header in the 25th minute before the home side came close again some four minutes later. O'Connor rounded McGregor then crossed into the middle, but the unfortunate Bradley missed the ball from some ten metres away.

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	HOME					AWAY										
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1. (3) *Sydney City Hakoah	8	2	0	24	9	4	1	4	9	10	33	19	27			
2. (2) *Sth Melbourne Hellas	7	2	1	13	7	2	6	1	12	11	25	18	26			
3. (1) Adelaide C. Juventus	7	0	4	18	12	4	3	16	10	34	22	25				
4. (6) *APIA-Leichhardt	5	3	1	14	7	4	3	3	11	12	25	19	24			
5. (5) Canberra City	4	4	2	17	8	4	3	3	9	7	26	15	23			
6. (4) Brisbane City	7	2	1	17	4	1	5	4	6	12	23	15	23			
7. (7) Newcastle KB Utd	4	3	3	19	11	5	1	4	11	15	30	26	22			
8. (8) *Brisbane Lions	6	3	1	15	5	0	6	3	9	12	24	17	21			
9. (9) Wollongong	2	6	2	13	12	3	5	3	10	8	23	20	21			
10. (10) *Marconi Datsun	5	2	3	12	12	3	2	4	5	13	27	25	20			
11. (11) *Sydney Olympic	5	4	1	17	11	1	2	7	12	23	29	34	18			
12. (12) *Heidelberg Alexander	3	2	4	10	11	3	2	5	16	20	26	31	16			
13. (13) Footscray JUST	4	4	2	14	11	1	1	8	5	24	19	35	15			
14. (14) Preston Makedonia	3	4	3	14	11	1	1	8	8	22	22	33	13			
15. (15) *Blacktown City	2	2	5	13	16	1	3	6	11	18	24	34	11			
16. (16) West Adelaide Hellas	2	2	5	9	11	1	1	9	8	23	17	34	9			

*Match in hand.

TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

BOLAND (3)
(JUST)

McMILLAN (3) **BERTOOGNA (5)** **T. BYRNE (5)** **AINSWORTH (2)**
(Heidelberg) (Wollongong) (Canberra) (Wollongong)

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SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Cant) WOLLONGONG 0 at St. George Stadium. Wednesday night. votes by Tom Anderson: 6. Vardareh (W), 5. Robertson (SC), 4. O'Connor (SC), 3. Bertogna (W), 2. Mullen (SC), 1. Dunleavy (W).
WOLLONGONG CITY 0 NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Werner: 6. Bertogna (W), 5. Dunleavy (W), 4. Ainsworth (W), 3. Rooney (W), 2. Fontana (W), 1. P. Tradinnick (W).
BRISBANE CITY 1 (P. Wilkinson) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2. (Yzendoorn, Campbell) at Spencer Park. Votes by Bruce Waddell: 6. Dunne (BC), 5. Paton (H), 4. McMillan (H), 3. Yzendoorn (H), 2. Ratcliffe (BC), 1. Pimblett (BC).
SYDNEY CITY 5 (Barnes 3, Cant, Souness) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Koussas 2, Raskopoulos, Jennings) at Sydney Athletic Field. Votes by Tom Anderson: 6. Souness (SC), 5. Barnes (SC), 4. Jennings (SO), 3. Cant (SC), 2. Koussas (SO), 1. O'Connor (SC).
PRESTON Makedonia 1 (Ollerton) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Ferris) at Connor Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6. G. McMillan (Mak), 5. Petrovski (Mak), 4. Niven (BL), 3. Bennett (BL), 2. McNaughton (BL), 1. MacLean (BL).
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Hormazabal own goal. V. Bannion) BLACKTOWN 1 (Jones) at Middle Park. Votes by Dick Prentegast: 6. Rasmussen (B), 5. Rogers (SM), 4. Salvage (B), 3. Bannion (SM), 2. Davidson (SM), 1. Turner (B).
CANBERRA CITY 0 MARCONI DATSUN 0 at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Maher (M), 5. T. Byrne (Can), 4. MacLaren (C), 3. Moutsopoulos (C), 2. Hermonson (W), 1. R. O'Shea (C).
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (J. Nyskohus pen) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 3 (Cuzzella 2, Ilioski) at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Meno Toutasidis: 6. Boland (JUST), 5. Lujic (JUST), 4. Melts (AC), 3. B. Nyskohus (AC), 2. Villani (AC), 1. Kondorios (JUST).
APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Soper) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Lambert Park. Votes by Roger Sherack: 6. O'Connor (APIA), 5. P. Wilson (APIA), 4. Bozanic (WA), 3. Crook (WA), 2. Bradley (APIA), 1. Soper (APIA).
Leaders: 63. Hermiston (BL), 61. Mitchell (AC), 55. T. Byrne (Can), 51. Bennett (BL), 48. Crook (WA), Bertogna (W), 45. O'Connor (APIA), Dunleavy (W), 44. P. Wilson (APIA), Boland (JUST), 43. Evans (SM), 42. Ontong (BL), 40. Ziros (SO), Kosmina (SC), 38. Perin (AC).
Top scorers: 9. Boden (SC), 8. Barnes (SC), Mitchell, J. Nyskohus (AC), Ollerton (Mak), P. Wilkinson (BC), 7. Kosmina (SC), Koussas (SO), Christopoulos (SM), Soper (APIA).

Another passenger on the Sydney City bandwagon

The ups and downs of soccer will be highlighted by Sunday's Olympic Park meeting between Heidelberg and Sydney City.

These magnificent 1980 outfits fought out the grand final of the PSL top four competition last year. Heidelberg won and wrote its name indelibly into the record books. There is no such competition this year so the Bergers look like being the holder of the grand final cup for many years to come.

But things change. Especially things at Heidelberg. Once mighty, once proud the Bergers now face a fight to push up from the lower rungs of the PSL ladder and reassert their prestige and status.

But Sydney City is chasing a championship. Come to think of it Eddie Thomson's side always is chasing the championship.

I let my big mouth run away with me earlier this season and tipped Canberra for the title. It probably comes as no surprise to learn that time and space has changed my perspective on the outcome of the 1981 championship race.

The time is recent. As recent as Canberra's crucial dropped points last month.

The space is the extent of Adelaide City's jump up the ladder.

I still can't make my mind up whether to go for Bob D'Ottavio's side for the title or stick with tried and true Sydney City.

I may not be consistent in

my predictions but consistency is a quality I admire in soccer.

I'll jump on the bandwagon of the most consistent side in Australia since the PSL was formed in 1977. I'll go for Sydney City to beat the Bergers. And take off this year's title as well.

Indeed both Sydney City and Heidelberg could share the honour of winning a cup or title in the last year of its competition.

The Philips Industries' sponsorship of the PSL is up for renegotiation in a few months time. I hate to be pessimistic but I have my doubts about Philips' wish to throw its dollars in the direction of our soccer. So Sydney City could be the last club in the land to win the PSL championship as we now know it.

With apologies to South Melbourne Hellas as you can now see I've written you off as a title contender.

But I'm well aware of the full ramifications of my madness.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Firstly I suppose I'll have to pay full price for my drinks in the Hellas restaurant. And I think the exquisite taste of my last free souvlaki will have to be committed to memory.

But I just can't see Hellas winning the title. And Newcastle could drive a nail firmly into the coffin carrying Hellas's title hopes when they meet at the International Sports Centre on Sunday.

KB's recent results suggests that the late run of successes which characterised KB's 1980 PSL performance is about to be repeated.

And Hellas's record in Newcastle isn't anything to cheer about.

I've been saying nice things about Fotocray J.U.S.T. for a couple of weeks. Well, "nice" in comparison with what I usually say about J.U.S.T.

But it's no more Mr Nice Guy if J.U.S.T. can't take a point off Brisbane City at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Aside from another one of my predictions going down the drain if the Brisbane boys win, a loss to J.U.S.T. here could spell disaster because I'm really confident that Preston Makedonia will take at least a point from Sunday's Gabbie Stadium foray against Blacktown.

Isaac Farrell is a quality player. Just the tonic the Makedonia midfield needed. Now all that Makedonia requires is for Alan Whittle, Rob Cullen and player-coach Peter Ollerton to hit the target and all the fluster and bluster about finishing in the relegation zone can be swept away.

One wonders though how long Ollerton can afford to leave a lethal finisher like Gary Ward out of the line-up.

APIA should beat Wollongong at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Although APIA was soundly beaten 4-1 by Newcastle two weeks ago it easily could have notched another goal or two, especially in the last 20 minutes.

Phil O'Connor is an exciting player. I'd stick an Australian shirt back upon his back before I'd toss it toward a couple of present Soccerers.

Adelaide City faces a giant hurdle when Brisbane Lions looms larger than life at Richards Stadium on Sunday.

But I've been an admirer of the City side for the past few months. I'm not about to change and although Sydney City's my title tip I'll back the Adelaide lads to keep this year's championship race tight to the final post.

Slickers in a yawn

Sydney City 1
Wollongong 0

By Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING:
6

Venue: St George Stadium.
Crowd: around 1,500
Conditions: Good
Referee: Peter Rampley 8.
SYDNEY CITY — Clarke 7, Mullen 7, Spanos 7, O'Connor 8, Bruce 7, Watson 7, Isub Lee 82nd, Cant 7, Robertson 8, Murray 7 (sub. Patikas 82), Kosmina 6, Boden 6.

WOLLONGONG — Vardaroff 8, Willis 7, Dunleavy 7, Bertagna 8, Ainsworth 7, Adam 6, Fleming 6 (sub. Campbell 63rd, Latham 6, De Graaf 6, McBrean 6, Tredinick 7).

Scorer: Jim Cant 63th.

This game put Sydney City equal top of the PSL ladder and the two points gained were invaluable for the club.

And, I suppose in a few weeks time the outcome will just be a result in the record book and the application of how these points were won will have been forgotten.

Just as well! For this was one of the most forgettable clashes of the season.

It was a big yawn from start to finish with excitement nonexistent.

Wollongong played an ultra-defensive game and at times had all its men back in their own half defending grimly.

It was negative football at its dreariest and its worst.

In fact it was just the kind of stuff which Wollongong coach Ken Morton decried Blacktown for playing when it visited Wollongong recently!

Could be there is some double standards here somewhere — don't do as I do — do as I say!!

And with the provincials in such a negative mood the Slickers were unable to find a solution to the problem which faced them.

They played a 4-3-3 formation throughout a dreary first half. This failed to penetrate the Wollongong defence yet they stuck to it in the second half!

I know it's easy coaching from the grandstand, but it looked as if a 4-2-4 system would have pulled the Wollongong defence out wide and allowed passage through the middle.

But this was not to be and City coach Eddie Thomson got the two points and proved his point!

The goal which decided this terrible game came in the 68th minute when Jim Cant hit one in from 20 metres.

An amazing fact about this Wollongong team was that New Zealand international Clive Campbell was not brought into the action until the 63rd-minute when he replaced John Fleming.

What a waste that was, for Campbell is a highly talented player.

When he did come on he proved to be Wollongong's best player!

Soccer's a funny game even though it's not meant to be!!

IN MELBOURNE
Heidelberg v SYDNEY CITY at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — SC 3-1, 1-1. 1978 — SC 2-1, 1-1. 1979 — Heid 3-1, 2-2. 1980 — 1-1, 0-0. 1981 — SC 1-0. Advantage Sydney City 3 wins, 5 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 12:10.

Footscray JUST v Brisbane City (draw) at Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — JUST 3-1, 2-1. 1978 — BC 3-0, 2-2. 1979 — JUST 2-0, BC 2-1. 1980 — 1-1, 1-1. 1981 — BC 2-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Brisbane City 13:12.

IN SYDNEY
Blacktown v Preston Makedonia (draw) at Gabbie Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 — Blacktown 3-2.

APIA LEICHHARDT v Wollongong at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 — 1-1.

Sydney Olympic v CANBERRA at Pratten Park, Sunday 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Canb 4-0, 2-2. 1978 — SO 3-1, Canb 2-1. 1979 — SO 3-1, 0-0. 1981 — Canb 2-1. Advantage Canberra 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 12:10.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v ADELAIDE CITY at Richards Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm. 1977 — 1-1, 0-0. 1978 — Lions 4-1, 3-1. 1979 — AC 6-0, 2-0. 1980 — AC 2-1, 0-0. 1981 — AC 3-2. Advantage Adelaide City 4 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 16:11.

IN NEWCASTLE
NEWCASTLE v South Melbourne Hellas at International Sports Centre, Sunday 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1978 — Hellas 3-0, 1-1. 1979 — Newc 2-1, 2-1. 1980 — Newc 1-0, 0-0. 1981 — Hellas 2-0. Advantage Newcastle 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 6:8.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide v MARCONI at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Marc 2-1, 1-0. 1978 — Marc 2-0, WA 2-1. 1979 — Marc 2-1, 2-1. 1980 — Marc 2-1, 1-0. 1981 — Marc 1-0. Advantage Marconi 8 wins, 1 loss. Goals: 14:6.

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CROYDON 0

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 7, Adams 6, Stewart 8, Irvine 7 - Holford 7, Leslie 6, Tuttill 8 - Egan 7, Buchanan 6 (inj. Campbell 65th), Gray 6 (Burroughs 71, 6).

CROYDON: Keogh 7 - Brown 8, Pongho 6, McCombe 7, Hobson 7 - Spink 7, Smith 6, Hewart 6, Wassell 7 - Evans 6 (Wright 67th), Wade 8.

Graham Tuttill made the jump from District Third Divi-

sion to State League look oh so easy against Croydon on Sunday.

Tuttill was brought out here by George Cross earlier this year but went A.W.O.L. and bobbed up with Cranbourne. The Baysiders paid around \$1500 for him last week and he showed that he was worth every penny in his State League debut.

Croydon floundered up front as it had done the previous week against Croatia.

There's no-one to feed off Paul Wade's good work. Wade played a fine lone hand. He came off Bob Adams well, played the ball to his team mates with fine control and was prepared to take on an opponent when that option presented itself.

Kim Wassell showed what he was capable of when taking a more prominent forward role in the last 15 minutes but then Frankston had done irreparable damage to



Croydon's hopes of a good result.

It didn't take the locals long to make their mark. Charlie Egan went down the right in the 10th minute, cut inside Gary Hobson and flicked the ball through to Bill Buchanan who drew Sean Keogh and stuck the ball away into the far corner of goal from about 15 metres.

The killer blow came when Tuttill was felled inside the area in the 47th minute. Egan calmly stroked the ball into the corner, low down to Keogh's right.

Frankston showed more grit than in previous weeks and it can go on from here to drive away from the relegation zone.

● Ringwood-Wilhelmina's Bobby Malt kicks clear of hat-trick hero Bobby Toal.

AND NOW, KENT AND McCANN

GEORGE CROSS 3
(Toal 3) RINGWOOD 2
(Sinclair 2)

GEORGE CROSS: O'Hara 6 - Morgan 7, Maltland 7, Wilkinson 7, McKinnley 7 - Rigby 7, G. Bannan 7, Farmer 7 - Gamble 6, Toal 9, Malt 5.

RINGWOOD: Fearn 6 (Bravo 67, 6) - Dixon 7, Brooks 7, Lupton 6, Venners 6 - O'Riley 7, Malt 5, O'Callaghan 6, Thom 6 - Sinclair 8, Greener 6.

Bobby Toal's hat-trick brought joy to the George Cross supporters and they can look forward to even better things to come in the form of overseas players Terry Kent and Hugh McCann, due to arrive tomorrow (Thursday).

McCann, a speedy winger, and Kent, an attacking midfielder, should give Cross the attacking flair to continue its campaign for a top four berth.

And defender Johnny Johnstone,



from Scotland, trained with Cross last night (Tuesday).

Ringwood was the better side in the first half and showed a fierce competitive spirit.

Cross struck first when Toal ran onto a Ray Mizz through ball and shot. The ball deflected off Les Fearn's legs and in to goal.

The Cross went further ahead in the 65th minute thanks to a crashing Toal drive from 25 metres into the top corner.

But Mike O'Hara misjudged a

Brian Sinclair cross and palmed the ball into his own goal.

Cross narrowly missed with two good chances to Dave Rigby and Toal before Toal put the issue beyond doubt when he ran onto Paul Gamble's through ball and neatly slipped it past Carlos Bravo, Fearn's half time replacement.

Ringwood's late second goal came when Sinclair pounced in a packed area as Cross failed to clear and tucked the ball away from close range.

Nick to make dream come true

Mornington, in its 19th year of Fourth Division competition, is set to realise a long awaited dream - promotion.

Under player-coach Nick van Egmond, Mornington came back from a one goal half time deficit against promotion rival Sunbury last weekend, to record a crucial 2-1 win which sent it two points clear at the top of the ladder.

Van Egmond has played an integral part in the club's revival after a dismal period of wallowing at the foot of Fourth Division.

Now Mornington is set for success. Against Sunbury on Saturday Mornington levelled after half time thanks to substitute Paul Briscoe who followed up a free kick by Nick van Egmond junior which was dropped by the Sunbury keeper.

Peter Martinovic notched the winner.

FIRST DIVISION

BOX HILL: 1 (Lawlor 70 min) WESTERN SUBURBS: 2 (Segi 26 min, Moore 51 min.)

BOX HILL: Morgan, Patterson, Brownlie, Rae, Macgregor, Hoodhouse, Macleod, McLeod 67 min, Verechia, Valentine, Darlington, Lawlor.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitaniadis, Kypridis, Daglis, Lkarapatos, Glykoulakos, (Dimovski 89 min), McCarthy, Segi, Moore, Kiarin, Kucic, Theodoridis.

Failure to capitalise on two simple chances in the first half, spelt disaster for Box Hill in their game against promotion seeking rivals Western Suburbs, at Wembley Park on Saturday.

Playing in treacherous conditions the Hillmen were the territorial masters, but Suburbs twice managed to create something out of nothing, to ake out two valuable points, and move up to second place on the table.

A long speculative job into Box Hill's penalty area by Eddie Kupcz was half cleared by David Singleton, but held up in the mud, and Andy Segi pouncing on the opportunity, gave Graham Morgan no chance with a fierce right foot

drive into the bottom corner of the goal.

The Hillmen fought back with determination, but missed a golden opportunity to equalise when Lawlor, picking up a clearance from a corner, rounded Karapatos and shot hard to the keepers' left. Mitaniadis got a hand to the ball but couldn't hold it, and it fell to Ian Macleod who had followed up well. Unfortunately for the home side, with the goal at his mercy, Macleod could only hammer his left foot drive at the far post, and Suburbs were thankful to scramble the rebound away.

In the second half Suburbs came more into the game. The experience of McCarthy and Moore was starting to express itself in the difficult conditions, and with Glykoulakos and Karapatos at the back adopting a "they shall not pass" attitude, the Hillmen's chances were few and far between.

When, in the 51st minute, Don Brownlie fouled Kiarin some 30 yards out, the situation did not look critical. However, the astute Moore realising that the home defence was not properly organised, seized the opportunity to drive a great right foot shot into the corner of the net with the Box Hill players completely at sixes and sevens.



Nick van Egmond

Lawlor finished off a fine move in the 70th minute by heading Greg McLeod's cross past Mitaniadis.

RICHMOND 2 AUSTRIA 1

RICHMOND: Kiss, Skinner, E. Greenwald, Straubinger, KLuipic, Huntley, Beer, Curcija, W. Greenwald, Lasokovic, Young.

AUSTRIA: Peterson, Samutt, Dobson, Gbac, Smale, Campbell, T. Craig, O. Latif, Webb, Brewerton.

While Austria dominated play from the outset it failed to take its chances.

Poor marking allowed Erich Beer to put Richmond one up when he scored after a corner.

Ossie Latif broke clear in the 42nd minute and slammed the ball past Joe Kiss from 15 metres.

Richmond took charge of midfield in the second half and had the better of play.

Skinner pounced on a goal-mouth scramble in the 63rd minute to put the seal on the home side's victory.

BEST: Austria: Brewerton; Richmond: Young.

Herbert Ross dies

Herbert Ross (pictured) died during Austria's game against Richmond at Richmond Park on Sunday.

He had been with Austria for eight years. Beforehand he served a number of clubs in including Croatia.

He trained as a physiotherapist at the world-famous "Charite" in Berlin.

Mr. Ross is survived by three daughters and a son. "Soccer Action" extends its sympathy.



SLAVIA O KNOX CITY 0

SLAVIA: Hammond 7 - Haupt 8, Lawson 8, Houston 8, Liu (Pye 15th 7) - Cooke 7 (inj. 75th), Brindle 7, Bosnjanski 6 - Griffiths 7, Cullen 7, Pahlings 6 (Jurina 60th).

KNOX CITY: Butcher 7 - Senior 7, Fox 7, Bailey 6, Gorthwaite, Gerrish 6, House 6, Smith 7 - P. Priestley 6, M. Priestley 7, Webster 8.

Slavia lost a point and Hansen Liu and Paul Cooke received injuries which will sideline them for the next five weeks.

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And two weeks ago Billy

KEW 1 (Savage)
POLONIA 3
(Lakic 2, Marshall)

POLONIA: Maribynong: Dobsonski, R. Lipinski, Jaworski, Harman, Pichner, Marshall, Wellace, G. Gamanicki, P. Czapsnik, Solomki, Lakic.

Polonia returned to the winning list when they had a very good 3-1 win over Kew Park Rangers at Kew on Saturday.

The game started sensationally when Kew were awarded a penalty in the second minute after Marion Jaworski handled the ball. Tah spot kick however was brilliantly saved by Polonia keeper Leszek Dzielakowski.

Kew paid dearly for that terrible miss when the ever alert Brendan Lakic took full advantage of a perfect pass by Alex Marshall to score from close range, and a few minutes later a powerful shot by John Wallace grazed the cross bar with the Kew keeper well beaten.

Ten minutes after the break Polonia went further ahead when a shot by Wallace again hit the crossbar but this time the ball rebounded straight to Lakic who calmly headed in his second goal.

After a series of attacks Kew managed to reduce the deficit when Savage shot powerfully past Dzielakowski but from the kick off Polonia restored their lead when

Marshall scored from just outside the penalty area.

Best players for Polonia were Lakic, Sekulski, Marshall.

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Auld was taken to hospital and needed an operation to his knee. He'll be out for the rest of the season.

This game never reached great heights with Knox having the better of the first half and Slavia winning in the second half. A draw was a fair result.

SECOND DIVISION

DONCASTER ROVERS 3

ARDEER 0

The return of skipper Alan Copeland and centre back Ian Humble from injury was a great factor in the 3-0 win over Ardeer.

In the second half Rovers started to put more effort into moving the ball quickly through the mud and it brought results with two penalties when an Ardeer player handled the ball in the area, then Mario Anselma was brought down.

They were converted by Rob Forsyth.

Anselma scored the third goal with a good individual effort.

THIRD DIVISION

BELL PARK 1 BROADMEADOWS 1

SCORERS: Bell Park: Peter Harman; Broadmeadows: A. Ball 1.

BELL PARK: P. Vaneek, H. Rogerson, J. Munoz, B. Pavlin, P. Harman, G. Smiljevic, B. Pocock, L. Sluise, A. Bell, M. Sacco, J. Vucic, D. Ortiz, D. Shagila, T. Cuoli.

BROADMEADOWS: D. Page, J. Seddon, A. Acosta, C. Najdoski, J. Vucic, C. Prasilicki, T. Smizita, M. Sacco, A. Zvanetti, J. Onail, A. Bell, C. Vello, J. Senda.

BEST PLAYERS: Bell Park: Bob Pocock, J. Munoz, H. Rogerson, B. Pavlin; Broadmeadows: C. Prasilicki, A. Bell, M. Sacco, J. Vucic.

ELTHAM O CORIO 4

Eltham's return to the winning list was short lived as they crashed 4-0 in the game with Corio at Lower Eltham Park.

Best: Eltham: Raynes, M. Cirka, Beck, Brooks, Corio, Crilly, Reardon, Lindsay, Thompson.

DISTRICT FIRST

DIVISION

CENTRAL CITY 2 MITCHAM 1

CENTRAL: Pantelli, Aristodemou, Konstantinou, Miller, Altizina, Evpidou (Theochourou 77th), Avrami, Altizina, De Gabriele, Vasiliou (Nicolaou 45th), Iounnou.

MITCHAM: Arvana, Hill, Sinclair, Dobbing, Samtoy, Topley (Richardson 73th), Brevlin, Munro, McKay, McGowin, Glegghorn.

Central, undefeated in the last 13 games, scored first through Iounnou in the 35th min.

Mitcham's Samtoy headed home to level the scores in the second half.

The 8th minute saw Vasiliou score after a great solo effort.

BEST: Central: Aristodemou, Iounnou, Vasiliou; Mitcham: Carvana, Samtoy, McKay.

McLaughlin sent off in draw

HAHOAH 2 (Irvine, Bentley)

HAHOAH 2 (French, Kent)

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 - Thurlow 6, Cooke 7, Merick 7, McConville 7 - Bentley 7, Chayes 8 - McLaughlin (sent off 65th), Irvine 7, Quin 7.

HAHOAH: Frysser 6 - Dossan 8, Jordanou 7, Hannah 7, Rooney 6 - Gadsby 6, McNeil 7, French 8, Kent 8 - Webster 7, McClunie 6.

Two distinct halves and Jim McLaughlin's sending off highlighted an incident-packed game at Warrah Reserve on Sunday.

The Doves played their best attacking soccer of the season in the first half after an unusual preparation. Before the game the players played a practice match on another pitch to acclimatise to the muddy conditions. Obviously it helped because Doveton went in at Hakoah from the outset.

Arthur Christie, dropped back from his usual striking role into a midfield berth, revelled in the opening 45 minutes.

The Doves hit the front in the 20th minute when Steve Irvine ran onto Mike McLaughlin's through ball and slotted it past Mike Frysser.

Anton Dosen's divine header cleared McLaughlin's chip over Frysser but Hakoah took command in the second half.

Scores were levelled in the 50th minute when Graham French ran onto Stan Webster's through ball and calmly tucked it away.

Then came a magic moment for the revitalised Chris Kent.

He took a free kick in the 60th minute. His lethal left foot curled the ball around Doveton's defensive wall giving the diving Lou Ivanoff no chance.

The game erupted five minutes later Doveton was awarded a free kick as the players milled around inside the area McLaughlin was felled. He retaliated and was sent off. The local spectators vented their disapproval as the atmosphere became electric.

But the Doves maintained their unbeaten record thanks to Gordon Bentley's precise header in the 87th minute which caught Frysser transfixed on his line.

Hakoah certainly had a lot to play for. Long serving secretary Kurt Deris suffered a heart attack the day before this match. He came out of intensive care yesterday (Tuesday).

I join with everyone connected with Hakoah in wishing Kurt a speedy recovery. He is a real identity in Victorian soccer and someone I admire greatly.

It's the loyalty of people like Kurt Deris which makes soccer such a great game.

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This week's selections

Selections by Craig MacKinnon:

DIVISION I: Saturday: AUSTRIA v Slavia, Mornington v Richmond (Irvine), Kew City v Kew Park Rangers (Irvine).

Sunday: WESTERN SUBURBS v Albion Rovers, Kew City v Mornington, Albion Rovers v Box Hill (Irvine).

DIVISION II: Saturday: Springfield City v MELBOURNE, FAHNNER v Doncaster Rovers, JUST v Hales, Arden v FRANKTON PARKS, PRESTON v Heidelberg United, Waverley City v DAN DENING CITY.

DIVISION III: Saturday: Heidelberg v BELL PARK, BROADMEADOWS v Port Melbourne, Corio v Werribee (Irvine), Yallourn v ST. ALBANS, RINGWOOD United v Pashley City, Colong v Eltham (Irvine).

DIVISION IV: Saturday: North Dandenong v Sandringham City (Irvine), Moorook United v SUNBURY UNITED, Moorook City v REDTAP PARK, MORNINGTON v Chelsea, NUNAWADING CITY v Farnham Gully, BRIGHTON v Kaysborough.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISION I: Saturday: Caulfield City v THIRDMASTON, Carlton v HOTTHAM UNITED, ESSON CITY v Grandborough, Geelong v Henty Rangers (Irvine), Melton v MORRISDALE, Rosebud v SOUTH OAKLEIGH.

DIVISION II: Saturday: Clayton v NORTH GEE LONG, KARANGA United v Shepparton City, Lakes United v East Brunswick (Irvine), NUNAWADING United v Hawthorn City, South Yarra v LANGWARRIN, BALLARAT v Hawthorn.

DIVISION III: Saturday: Bendigo City v Clifton Hill (Irvine), BULLEEN v Kyneton, REGENT v West Melbourne, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE v New United, Terriville v Rosevale (Irvine), Sorrento v MORRISDALE.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Road 17 Sunday 12th July 1981

DIVISION I: Sunday: Brimley City v Abbots-

ford Tessa (Irvine), Penni Institute v CIELETHAM, MALVERN City v Altham United, South Dandenong v CENTRAL CITY, MITCHAM UNITED v Marib, RUSSELL v KNOX JONES, Box Hill (Irvine), Melton v MORRISDALE, Rosebud v SOUTH OAKLEIGH.

DIVISION II: Sunday: Aught United v East Carlton (Irvine), Central Brunswick v North CLARE, PASCOE VALL v Vermont, CLARENEA v West Brunswick, North Melbourne v WEST GEELONG.

DIVISION III: Sunday: DIAMOND CREEK v Moorabbin United, Bayside United v Parkville (Irvine), Moorabbin United v SPRINGVALE UNITED, CRANBOURNE v Seaford United, Bayside v PORT UNITED.

CENTRAL AMATEUR LEAGUE

Road 17 Sunday 12th July 1981

DIVISION I: Sunday: RAILT v ENDEAVOUR HILLS, Meadow United v Chesham United, Manohi Hakoah v Lyndale United (Irvine), Larcade United v MELBOURNE UNI, ANATOLIA, BALLYM CITY v Bundoora, HOSEA UNITED v Meadow Park.

DIVISION II: Sunday: CONCORD v Koroora Rangers, Holm Park v RAAF MELBOURNE, Waverley v WEST UNITED, MULGRAVE v Waverley, LINT ST MARKS v Albert Park, DINGLEY v Epine United.

YOUTH LEAGUE

SOUTH/EAST DIVISION: Saturday: Frankston FC v Farnham Gully (Irvine), DANDENONG CITY v Nareandine City, KNOX CITY v Springfield City, Moorabbin v FRANKTON PINES "A".

NORTH/WEST DIVISION: Sunday: FAHNNER v Farnham Gully, Broadmeadows v BROADMEADOWS CITY, North City v GREEN GULLY ALIX.

CENTRAL DIVISION: Sunday: Devine v Dandenong Rovers, Greensborough v HOTTHAM UNITED.

N.E.S.I. Division: Cuhua v COBRAN, Taura v SHEPPARTON SOUTH.

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Bye-bye Bilaver



ALTONA 1 (Innes pen)
CROATIA 1 (Brogan)

ALTONA: Masseri 6 - P. Wilson 7, K. Wilson 7, McKenna 6, Kipstick 7 - Walters 9, Cooper 7, Innes 5 - Jones 6, Whyte 8, Mercer 7.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 8, Kokoska 9, P. Bannan 8, Bilaver 6 (sent off), Stohr-Andrews 7, Adams 8, Murphy 7 - Mitten 7, Brogan 9, Gled 7.

Aste Bilaver was sent off in the 30th minute after giving away a penalty which led to Altona's second goal in as many league games against Croatia.

Bilaver's exit was nothing new for the aggressive Croatia left back.

But Croatia lifted its game when reduced to 10 men.

Altona should have taken the lead at the second minute when Howard Mercer pounced on a through ball but rather than carry the ball closer to goal he elected to shoot from too far out and struck the ball wide.

Then Dave Brogan broke down the left, squared to Carl Gilder whose half hit shot deflected off Keith Wilson and went wide.

Just on half time Brogan headed over from point blank range.

Kevin Innes converted from the spot after Bilaver had brought Billy Whyte down in the second half.

Croatia slipped into top gear. Ken Murphy sent Keith Adams away down the left. Adams crossed to Dave Brogan at the near post and his well executed shot on the turn flashed into the bottom far corner in the fifth minute.

The significant feature was Altona's organisation at the back and fight. The relegation battle is far from over and it's too early to write off Altona.

There are poorer sides in the State League than the Kim Reserve locals — MICK O'BRIEN.

French two points clear

Ameco Travel's State League Player of the Year will win a return trip to Spain, tickets to World Cup games including the semi-finals and final, travel to and from the grounds and hotel accommodation including dinner and breakfast. The total value of the Ameco Travel award is in excess of \$3500.

This week's votes:

DOVETON v HAKOAH
3 - Dosen (H)
2 - McIvor (H)
1 - French (H)

SUNSHINE v JUVENTUS
3 - Morovic (S)
2 - Hawke (J)
1 - Laling (S)

NORTHCOTE v AJAX
3 - McLeod (GGA)
2 - Gardiner (GGA)
1 - Greechan (GGA)

ALTONA v CROATIA
3 - Walters (A)
2 - Brogan (C)
1 - Kokoska (C)

FRANKSTON v CROYDON
3 - Stewart (F)
2 - Wade (Croy)
1 - Tutill (F)

GEORGE CROSS v RINGWOOD
3 - Toal (GC)
2 - Sinclair (R)
1 - Luyten (R)

Progressive votes:
17 - French (H)
15 - P. Bannan (C)
14 - Cannell (GGA), G. Bannan (GC)

TEAM OF THE WEEK

DOSEN (Hakoah)	KOKOSKA (Croatia)	STEWART (F'ton)	MOROVIC (S'shine)
McIVOR (D'ton)	WATTERS (Altona)	LAING (S'shine)	
SINCLAIR (R'wood)	McLEOD (Ajax)	TOAL (G. Cross)	

Who needs Morrey, Bennett, Wallace and Cannell?

AJAX 5 (McLeod 3, Paul Lewis, Wall) NORTHCOTE 1 (Vasic)

AJAX: Dony 8 - Hagben 8, Gardiner 9, Peter Lewis 8, G. Bennett 8 - Paul Lewis 8, Vassallo 8, Greechan 8 - Wall 8, McLeod 9, Williams 8.

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 7 - Petrakos 6, Nelson 5, Kriaris 6, Petrov 7 - Mousa 5, Bouskila 6, Rajovic 6, Tsetos 5 - Sahinidis 6, Vasic 6.

Thank God Green Gully Ajax didn't have it's full side available for this outing.

Bill Morrey, Alan Bennett and Gordon Wallace were out injured. Stuart Cannell was serving a one week suspension after accumulating too many cautionary points.

The makeshift Ajax side seemed to cope rather well though with big Gus McLeod leading the onslaught.

13th minute: Paul Lewis (yet another newcomer) broke down the right and hammered the ball across. Alex Nelson deflected the ball into his own goal when trying to clear.

37th: A great solo run by John Gardiner looks to have ended as "Rocky" Tachiris forced him wide. In a flash Gardiner backheels the ball into Kevin Wall's path. He hammers home into the empty goal.

62nd: Kit Greechan set up McLeod who looks to have overrun the ball. Somehow the barging, bustling Ajax striker manages to backheel across the goal line.

68th: A really super moment. The ball is crossed. McLeod rises near the edge of the area. His jack-knifing head meets the ball at precisely the right moment. The ball

rocks goalward and goes in off the underside of the bar. Incredible!

78th: Greechan crosses. McLeod outjumps everyone, stretches over the top of Tachiris and heads home.

In between times McLeod twice had goals disallowed for offside and two headers hit the upright.

Oh the Northcote's goal. Gerry Bennett's mistake allows the ball to be cut back to Dragan Vasic who makes no mistake.

WATTERS WINS IT

Every week "Soccer Action" nominates a State League player of the Week who wins a dinner for two at Leo's Restaurant, 55 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.

The winner can pick up his ticket from "Soccer Action" 603 Little Lonsdale Street.

This week's winner is Altona's diminutive dynamo George Watters.

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	9	1	3	28	8	19
Croatia	6	6	1	21	11	18
Doveton	4	9	0	18	12	17
Croydon	5	5	3	22	18	15
G. Cross	6	2	5	21	15	14
Hakoah	4	6	3	17	21	14
Sunshine	5	3	5	21	17	13
Northcote	4	4	5	22	32	12
Frankston	4	2	7	17	20	10
Ringwood	3	3	7	19	26	9
Juventus	3	2	7	9	22	8
Altona	1	3	8	14	27	5

Sannipoli revels in mudbath

SUNSHINE 0 JU-
VENTUS 0

SUNSHINE: Contini 8 - Dixey 8, Ellis 8, Lowe 8, Morovic 9 - Nelson 8, Taylor 7, Bain 7, Laling 8 - Mudrinic 6 (McRobert 6), Pato 8.

JUVENTUS: Hawke 8 - Curcio 7, Della Rocca 8, Donaldson 7, Tarquinio 7 (Gennaro 7), St - Smith 7, Sannipoli 8, Cunningham 8 - Risticovski 7, Incantalupo 8, Thachuk 8.

Six clear cut chances but nothing gained at the end of the day. That was Sunshine's fate against Juventus in Chaplin Reserve's mudbath on Sunday.

Rob Nelson hit the bar with a long free kick in the first half John Mudrinic ran onto a through ball and shot wide. Chris Taylor's diving header flashed past the post; Mudrinic sidefooted wide from two

metres out in the second half; Steve Ellis missed with a diving header from three metres and Roger Bain's shot grazed the bar.

The scoreline tells it all.

Finally a word about Lou Sannipoli.

Sure spectators joke about his weight but on Sunday he was the only player in either side to consistently strike well weighted long passes to his team mates. He mightn't be too mobile but there's no better striker of the ball in the State League.

Egan and Sinclair vie for top spot



Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE

While Frankston's Charlie Egan has had rave reviews another State League import, Ringwood's Brian Sinclair, slipped into the scene unheralded but within a few weeks has shown that he is a serious contender for Egan's mantle as the import of the year.

Comparisons of these two dynamos will be made easier when Frankston takes on Ringwood at Centenary Park on Saturday.

Both are small, sharp and effective. Both have a nose for goals and both will be prime targets for PSL scouts in 1982.

One of the features of Frankston's win against Croydon on Sunday was the controlled display of sweeper Robbie Stewart.

Stewart was brought here from Scotland earlier in the year by South Melbourne Hellas along with Jim Shirra. While Shirra made his mark Stewart found himself at a loose end until John Pryde was successful in signing the youngster.

A series of inconsistent performances followed. Stewart seemed unable to settle down. But the master stroke occurred a few weeks ago when he was moved back to sweeper. Since then his confidence has grown, his game has improved dramatically and he looks capable of making his mark in Victorian soccer. Remember Stewart is young and has a long way to go.

He faces probably the stiffest test to date in his new role when he has to provide the cover for Sinclair's marker on Saturday. How effectively Stewart covers will have a major bearing on the outcome of this clash.

If Frankston can curtail the elusive Sinclair it can win.

I'm not suggesting that Sinclair will be held for long periods but I'm tipping the Baysiders to just pip Ringwood on the post.

Doveton's unbeaten league run could come to an end at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Ajax could have whipped Northcote by 10 goals last weekend.

Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan always asks for restraint from journalists weighing up this year's championship race. He always reminds me that there's a long way to go but when you look at Ajax's impressive goal difference and its one point lead at the top of the table it's hard to see it being knocked off top perch.

Doveton has lived up to the highest hopes of its committee and supporters in its first taste of the State League.

If Ajax topples the Doves on Sunday it will be the end of a magnificent, consistent team effort, a credit to Doveton's playing and coaching staff and the basis of a successful history of State League competition. And there's no pride lost to lose to Ajax on its home territory.

Sunshine's hopes of a top four berth have faded in recent weeks. These hopes could

vanish completely if Croatia beats the Shiners at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Croatia is smarting from its draw with Altona. Ante Bilaver will serve his automatic one week suspension after being sent-off at Kim Reserve.

Maybe Croatia should use 10 men against Sunshine.

It was reduced to 10 men against Frankston and Altona in recent weeks. Faced with an uphill battle the players stepped into top gear and took the fight to the opposition on both occasions.

There has been speculation about Croatia's coaching post for some time. As I understand it, Paddy Bannan should get committee support to take the job on a more permanent basis but Bannan is undecided. Fred Bance has been interviewed and could get the job if Bannan doesn't give a firm undertaking to look after the first team for the remaining 10 league games.

But Croatia should hit the winning trail again on Sunday.

Hakoah can beat George Cross at Middle Park on Sunday.

The heartless, hapless Hakoah side which was beaten by Cross earlier in the season is a far cry from the current outfit which is playing with a level of commitment rarely sighted in recent years.

The clash between Bobby Toal and George Hannah should be a match highlight.

Both are State League newcomers. While Toal has hit the goal trail Hannah has notched up an impressive list of stoppers who have fallen victim to his tight marking.

I don't know why I'm going for Croydon to beat Altona at Croydon Park on Sunday.

No Loughnanes no Croydon? That was the question bandied around the Frankston clubrooms after Croydon's inept display last weekend.

I think Juventus and Northcote will finish on even terms at Gillon Oval on Sunday.

There's not much between these sides. Actually it's a reminder-the-good-old-days game with so many former Footscray J.U.S.T. players on display.

Mendo Risticovski, Jim Kriaris, Mirko Rujovic, Dragan Vasic and Chris Petrov aren't finding State League life a particularly rewarding experience.

FRANKSTON v Ringwood at Centenary Park, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

CROYDON v Altona at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROATIA v Sunshine at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Juventus v Northcote (draw) at Gillon Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

HAKOAH v George Cross at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

AJAX v Doveton at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

McLEOD HITS THE LEAD

General Tourist sponsors our State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip for two to New Zealand. Leading scorers are:

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11 - Egan (F)
10 - I. Loughnane (Croy)
8 - Mitten (C), Toal (GC)

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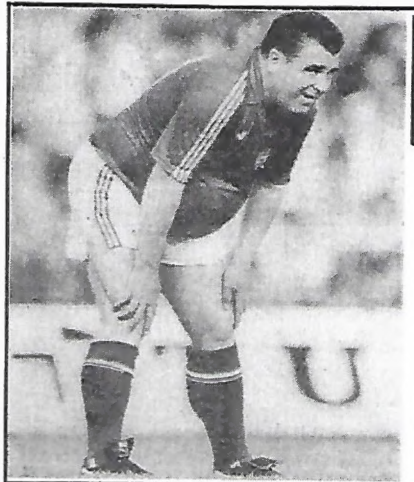


Flabulous Ferenc!

It's nearly thirty years since Ferenc Puskas shot to international football fame. Now he is twice the man he used to be.

The Hungarian hero's love of golf has helped to add unworldly weight to his reputation in middle age.

Puskas, 54, displayed his latest form when he scored a hat-trick in a 20-minute curtain-raiser to England's World Cup victory over Hungary in Budapest at the weekend.



Brazilian fandango in full swing again

Playing its flamboyant football of old, Brazil can claim, 11 years after its last World Cup win, that it again is the best team in the world.

New national coach Tele Santana started to mould a Brazilian team with artistic flourish during the Mundialito won by Uruguay.

Then the Brazilians won all four of their World Cup qualifying matches to maintain their record as the only nation to take part in the finals series of every World Cup.

It is perhaps characteristic of the brashness of the team shown on the field, that Santana decided to risk his reputation on a three match tour of Europe.

No need to have worried, though. The Brazilians beat England 1-0 with a goal by Zico, France 3-1 (Zico, Reinaldo, Socrates) and West Germany 2-1 (Toninho Cerezo, Junior).

Against Germany, the Brazilians were perhaps a bit lucky — Paul Breitner twice took penalty and German substitute goalkeeper Elke Immel was badly at fault with Junior's late, dipping winner — but Germany's coach Ugo Berrwald would not begrudge Brazil its victory.

"They are a very strong team, perhaps the best in the world," he said.

Santana, 50, clearly has succeeded in giving back to the Brazilian footballers the type of soccer to which they are best suited. Not for him the defensiveness of Mario Zagallo and Claudio Coutinho.

Talking of how it used to be under Coutinho, star forward Zico says: "We were in a tactical straight-jacket. That may be more necessary for a club team, where you have to mould players of different levels of ability and you need the discipline to play home-and-away, week in and week out.



Tele Santana

"But at national level — and in Brazil in particular — the players have too much skill, confidence and technical ability to be stifled. Brazilian players must be given their head."

Santana has given them the sort of freedom of Pele, Tostao, Carrinha, Didi, Vava and Zagallo himself enjoyed during Brazil's golden years.

Santana's team played open football in Europe. They had confidence in their own ability, they never appeared concerned about their opponents, they ran the game their way.

Of course you need talent to play that way. Just as important though, you must be given your head.

THE BRAZILIAN NATIONALS SQUAD

BRAZIL'S TOUR SQUAD
VALDIR — Valdir Peres Arruda. Goalkeeper. Sao Paulo 30 years/8 caps. A member of the Brazil squad in the 1974 and 1978 World Cups, but did not play in either finals tournament. Conceded only two goals in the four recent 1982 qualifiers. Saved Paul Breitner's twice-taken penalty to deny West Germany an equaliser in Stuttgart.

PAULO SERGIO — Paulo Sergio Oliveira. Goalkeeper. Botafogo. 23/1. Taken on tour for the experience and made his debut against France.

EDEVALDO — Edevaldo Freitas. Right back. Fluminense. 24/15. Made his debut against Paraguay year.

GETULIO — Getulio Costa Oliveira. Right back. Sao Paulo 25/5.

OSCAR — Jose Osvald Bernadine. Centre back. Sao Paulo. 26/28. World Cup regular in 1978, then spent 16 months with New York Cosmos. Career began with Ponte Preta.

LUISINHO — Luis Carlos Ferreira. Centre back. Atletico Mineiro. 22/15. Learned football on the Rio beaches before his family moved to Belo Horizonte. One of Tele Santana's major discoveries.

EDINHO — Edino Nazareth Filho. Centre half. Fluminense. 25/36. Played three matches in the 1978 World Cup Finals. Was on the brink of a move to Marseille before the French club's recent financial collapse.

JUNIOR — Leovegildo Lins Gama Junior. Left back. Flamengo. 26/28. Converted from midfield by Claudio Coutinho. Free kick specialist.

TONINHO CEREZO — Antonio Carlos Cerezo. Midfielder. Atletico Mineiro. 26/47. Voted top player in the Mundialito. A repeated transfer target for River Plate of Argentina. Described by a typical French reporter as "long as a day with-

the aid of various sponsors trying to come up with a new contract to counter a bid from Milan.

VITOR — Vitor Luis Pereira da Silva. Midfield. Flamengo. 22/2. One of the latest youngsters to come of the conveyor belt at Flamengo which also produced Zico.

SOCRATES — Socrates Brasileiro Sampaio de Sousa Ferreira Oliveira. Midfield/centre forward. Corinthians Sao Paulo. 26/26. Has scored 13 goals in international. Penalty specialist.

ZE SERGIO — Jose Sergio Presti. Outside left. Sao Paulo. 24/23. Brazil's Footballer of the Year. A member of the 1978 World Cup squad, but did not play.

EDER — Eder Aleixo Assis. Outside left. Atletico Mineiro. 23/15.

PAULO CESAR — Paulo Cesar Oliveira. Centre for-

'Doc' wants Katholos, Stielike No.1, Dutch star to England

from Vancouver Whippersnapper \$500,000 to succeed Ray Clemence, played 24 matches for fourth division Crewe Alexandra while on loan from the Canadian NASL side. Grobbelaar was two years in the Rhodesian Army (now Zimbabwe) hunting guerrillas and was first spotted by the father of Manchester United's goalkeeper Gary Bailey. Roy Bailey, coach of South Africa was also a keeper with Ipswich Town. Grobbelaar stands 6'2" is also a first class baseball and basketball player as well as being a star swimmer.

Liverpool have had talks with Frank Stapleton the Arsenal and Republic of Ireland striker who is now free to negotiate his own future since his present contract has run out with the Gunners. Liverpool want Stapleton, 24, to line up in a new look with Kenny Dalglish since it's on the cards that Terry McOmert and David Johnston, both English internationals, are likely to move before the new season starts.

Chile became the fourth certain World Cup finalists — with Spain, Argentina and Brazil — after their 2-0 home victory over Ecuador in South American Group Three. South American champions, Paraguay, had been favourites, but lost the decisive home match 1-0 to Chile — with the now meaningless return still to come.

Raimundo Ponte, Nottingham Forest's Swiss midfielder, has been sold to French Cup-winners Bastia, whose 2-1 victory over Saint-Etienne spoiled the champions' dream of a league-and-cup double.

ROMA repeated their 1980 Italian Cup win — once again beating Torino on penalties after extra time. This time the teams drew 1-1 in both Rome and Turin before Roma won the sudden death contest.

Final table in Italy

Team	P	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	30	17	10	3	48	15
Fiorentina	30	14	2	43	20	42
Inter	30	14	8	41	24	38
Atalanta	30	14	8	41	24	38
Parma	30	14	7	27	24	32
Genoa	30	14	8	29	26	30
Bologna	30	11	7	32	27	29
Cagliari	30	8	17	24	29	28
Torino	30	8	10	26	28	26
Avellino	30	10	18	32	25	25
Como	30	8	13	25	32	25
Verona	30	8	11	24	38	25
Ascoli	30	11	12	18	35	25
Brasilia	30	4	17	19	25	25
Perugia	30	5	12	18	31	18
Venezia	30	8	4	20	16	16

Season's top scorers — 18-Pruzzu (Roma), 13-Palanca (Catanzaro), 12-Aliberti (Inter), 11-Graziani (Torino) and Pellegri (Napoli), 9-Palici (Torino), Antognoni (Fiorentina) and Chimenti (Pistoiese).

Birmingham have paid Willem van der Stoep £100,000 for 22-year-old Dutch striker "Tony" van Mierlo — despite being nearly 1 million pounds in debt.

A unique Soccer touring team flew out to Trinidad to play three matches.

All 16 players are coloured stars from League clubs, including two members of Spurs' FA Cup-winning side — Garth Crooks and Chris Hughton.

The side is managed by Allan Harris, right-hand man to Terry Venables at QPR, who explained: "We are pleased for it the trip is successful it could become an annual event."

Full party is Richardson (Sheff Utd), C. Hughton (Spurs), H. Hughton (Orient), James (Plymouth), Benjamin (Notts Co), Hazell (QPR), Berry (Wolves), Hill, Stein (Luton), S. Tate (Cardiff), Palmer (Oldham), Lee (Gillingham), Sealy (QPR), Crooks (Spurs), Connor (Leeds), Hilaire (C. Palace).

ULE STEELKE is Spain's Footballer of the Year.

Queens Park Rangers new astro turf playing pitch has been given a seal of approval by a team of experts who visited Loftus for the trial with Football League officials and players. PFA chairman Alan

THE PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE CLUB BADGES.



NEW PSL BADGES

Australian Soccer Federation Marketing, on behalf of the Philips Soccer League, has officially released its 18 new League team badges.

The badges were designed to enable League clubs to launch into the licensed merchandise industry and provide manufacturers the opportunity to run sales promotion campaigns related to the League clubs.

John Clark, marketing manager for Australian Soccer Federation Marketing said:

"The team badges will form the basis of a major licensing programme over the next decade. Manufacturers will now be able to take up license rights to the range of League badges to reproduce on merchandise ranging from clothing, stickers, toys, games, puzzles, supporters gear, nightwear, bed linen, stationery, confectionery, soccer merchandise and a plethora of other goods and services."

"A sales operation for non-retail sales has already been set up that will accommodate orders from the individual clubs of manufacturers' merchandise bearing their team badges. A number of licences have already been granted and the first merchandise will commence appearing in approximately six weeks time."

TA NEA TON OMAON MAE ANO TO SIMEIO TOY IENATY

ΕΠΙΣΗΜΑ ΤΗΣ ΤΗΣ 17/ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ

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Slobodinski shows how at Hakoah

The under 11s at Hakoah (Vic) are benefitting from the knowledge of a coach with the highest of credentials.

He is Alex Slobodinski, 34, former coach of the Ukraine under 18 representative team in the USSR.

Slobodinski played as a forward for top Soviet club Lokomotiv, Moscow, before coming to Australia five years ago.

In the USSR he gained a diploma of soccer coaching and a physical education diploma.

But he will have to do a course at Rusden College next year before his teaching qualifications are recognised by the Education Department.

Slobodinski played a few games for Hakoah when he arrived from the USSR but he was forced to stop because he worked long hours to earn the money to get his family established in their new country.

He took up refereeing and officiated as a Second Grade referee for two years.

Then he coached juniors at Hakoah before joining Hakoah.

But the Victorian Soccer Federation turned him down when he applied for the job as coach of one of the junior State teams.

One wonders what level of expertise the VSF is looking for — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Junior of the week

Leigh Shearn (pictured) is in his third season with Kariakou, starting at under-7 and playing his way through to the under-9's.

He is a very skilful player, very dedicated and a great team man.

So far this season he has scored 12 goals from eight games, including two hat-tricks. With his natural skills, there seems to be no limit to how far he will go in the future.

Leigh is our Buffalo sports junior of the week.

U.S. ideas win only .0017% of market

By PAUL MOON

When ASF Marketing Ltd was formed the organisation's supremo, Rik Booth cited the North American Soccer League as an example the PSL should strive to emulate.

It is appropriate therefore to take a closer look at the NASL and its relevance to the PSL, particularly in respect of contentious innovations like nicknames, indoor and summer soccer.

NICKNAMES:

Firstly it must be stressed that Cosmos, Rowdies and Strikers are as much part of the official titles of the New York, Tampa Bay and Fort Lauderdale clubs as United, City and Hotspurs are to the Manchester, Birmingham and Tottenham-based outfits, so they cannot be termed "nicknames" in the Australian sense.

Colorful titles have been part of the North American sports scene since last century and were around when marketing was the domain of cabbage growers and cattle farmers.

The NASL then merely copied baseball, gridiron football, ice hockey and basketball.

As all clubs were built from scratch, the owners christened their franchises exactly as they wished. In contrast the PSL members, with the exceptions of Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong, are based upon long-established set-ups with their own cherished names.

Ironically, although the NASL does not encourage ethnic names, they are tolerated when economics demand.

As professional soccer in Toronto would not have been viable without the support of the city's Croatian population, Toronto Metros-Croatia were members until 1979.

Even today the Los Angeles Aztecs belong almost exclusively to the Mexican community!

It is interesting to note that the PSL nicknames owe most to the National Football League (gridiron) which has Lions (Detroit), Rams (Los Angeles), Giants (New York), Raiders (Oakland) and Eagles (Philadelphia) in membership, while Fort Lauderdale Strikers are the only NASL team to share their name with an Australian counterpart.

Naturally some PSL clubs are resentful, having been saddled with unwanted substitutes.

If Marconi players had stepped onto the pitch for the opening game of the 1981 season with a new badge depicting a leopard boldly displayed on their shirts, and had the Press subtly dropped the term "Leopards" into match reports, the nickname probably would have been happily embraced by the club, as would other PSL aliases had they been introduced in like manner.

The PSL obviously believes in using a sledgemark to crack nuts.

But if club members wish to retain their original titles, why not let them? A compromise, incorporating the traditional

names with that of the area they represent would surely be acceptable, thus we have Heidelberg Alexander, Sydney Hakoah, Adelaide Juventus etc.

The soccer world is full of clubs whose titles bear testimony to their British origins. Prominent in South America are Corinthians (Brazil), Everton and Rangers (Chile), Liverpool and Wanderers (Uruguay) and Arsenal (Argentina), yet these are never accused of being "Anglicised".

Indoor Soccer

The NASL introduced indoor soccer in 1975 for two reasons, neither of which is relevant to Australia.

A) The rules are similar to those of ice hockey and therefore, theoretically, easier for North Americans to understand than the outdoor game.

B) It kept full-time professionals working, and earning their keep, the whole year round.

The project was abandoned due to abysmal attendances in 1976, only to be revived three years later when a rival competition — the Major Indoor Soccer League gained partial success.

Unfortunately the sport suffers from the stigma of being regarded as a poor man's version of the parent game, traditionally used only for training purposes and the occasional novelty tournament.

Many leading professionals refuse to participate, feeling it below their dignity. Significantly the NASL glamor club, New York Cosmos, declined to become involved. Franz Beckenbauer playing competitive indoor soccer is as unlikely as Prince Charles appearing on the "Norman Gunston Show."

This is unfortunate as the interior game can be a fast and exciting spectacle with much potential.

In October last year the English FA banned the European version of indoor soccer, as it was proving so popular they considered it a possible threat to the established code.

There is no reason why indoor soccer cannot be promoted successfully, but it must be treated as a sport in its own right and not merely a novelty.

Summer Soccer

The NASL adopted summer soccer because it needed quality guest players in the European close season and baseball, the traditional American summer sport, was considered more vulnerable than gridiron or basketball in competition for the sportsfans' dollar.

Neither reason is pertinent to Australia. The prospect of summer soccer has been met with almost total condemnation in Australia. For the North American viewpoint I contacted Jack Leonard, the public relations director of Vancouver Whitecaps.

"This is not an issue here," Leonard said. "The vast majority of our games are played under floodlights, therefore there is no problem. In fact in the current 32-match regular season, we only have five afternoon games."

What is the players' attitude to those few afternoon games though?

"We play in the afternoon only when airline schedules demand, or an evening kick off coincides with another popular event. These games have to be treated as an occasional occupational hazard."

Have you experienced any problems such as heat exhaustion?

"Not at the Whitecaps. Other clubs haven't been so lucky, although I can't quote names. Generally we are able to overcome potential problems by taking precautions. All the players take a couple of salt pills to prevent dehydration and we take full advantage of the NASL ruling enabling us to use three substitutes per match. Also afternoon games are inevitably played at a slower pace — not the type of soccer we try to promote in Vancouver."

The North American experience indicates that only the use of floodlighting would make summer soccer a viable proposition in Australia.

A national floodlit league would hold exciting possibilities, particularly as it would have little direct competition, unless the Sheffield Shield adopts the Kerry Packer white ball — under-the-lights treatment, which appears unlikely.

Before the PSL decides it wishes to establish itself as an Antipodean copy of the NASL, it should ask itself: Just how successful is the American experiment?

Of the 18 clubs that contested the 1977 NASL, five have gone out of existence. In the PSL the casualty list over the same period is just two (Melbourne and Western Sydney).

No fewer than eight of the 1980 NASL members had average attendances of less than 10,000.

Easily the league's most popular club is the Cosmos, who attracted an average of 42,804 to their home games. It must be remembered though that under the NASL's franchise system Cosmos have sole access to the 25 million citizens of New York and New Jersey states.

Cosmos therefore attracted a meagre 0.0017% of the population within their allocated area!

If the Melbourne PSL clubs "enjoyed" the same drawing power they would average 1,331 spectators — between the four of them!

Very few NASL clubs make money and even Cosmos survive only due to the extreme generosity of their owners Warners Communications.

Where the NASL has succeeded is in elevating soccer to its highest ever point in the American consciousness, brought the game out of isolated, decrepit grounds and into ultramodern stadiums, enabled the U.S. national team to be comprised of fully-fledged professionals and not the naive, outclassed amateurs of former years and, most importantly, inspired the incredible boom taking place in American Junior soccer.

The foundation has been laid for a bright future. Many years and dollars will be spent before the US becomes a real force in world soccer, though. How much time and money can Australia afford in order to implement a similar programme?

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